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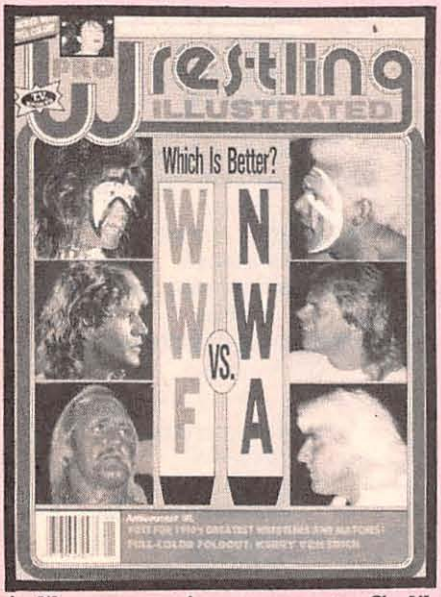
WWF VS. NWA

There was no end to the fan debate over our cover story in the January 1991 issue, "WWF vs. NWA: Which Is Better?"

"Comparing these organizations



is like comparing prunes to Cadillacs," wrote Joe Roling of Rockford, Illinois. "How the WWF can call itself wrestling is beyond me. Men bringing snakes, guitars, megaphones, 2 x 4s, and handcuffs into the ring; this is wrestling?"

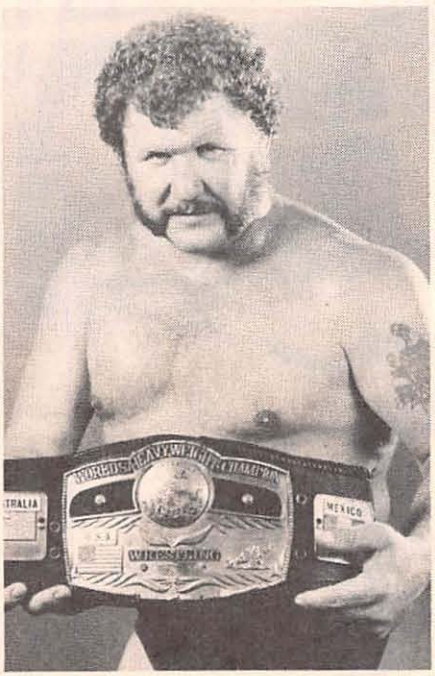
Mark Musolino of Niagara Falls, New York, on the other hand, is a solid WWF backer. "You mean to tell me that The Ultimate Warrior does not have the edge over Sting? Come on, he would crush Sting in a match! You give Mike Rotundo the edge over Dusty Rhodes, and Tommy Rich over Sgt. Slaughter? You gotta be kidding! Also, the WWF has a much better tag team scene."

RACE WINS THE RACE

Five men dominated the '80s like no others. Those men are: Harley Race, Dusty Rhodes, Ric Flair, Rick Steamboat, and Hulk Hogan. These men already have their names secured in wrestling history.

Race, however, stands above the rest. He's been wrestling since the late-'50s and remains an active competitor today. He's a seven-time former Missouri State champion and a seven-time former NWA World champion. He is a true legend. In my mind, he's pushed aside men like Bruno Sammartino, Buddy Rogers, Lou Thesz, Bob Backlund, and Verne Gagne.

MICHAEL THOMAS
Fresno, CA



Former NWA World champion Harley Race is, in reader Michael Thomas' opinion, one of the true legends of the sport.

THE REASON FOR READING

I have been a fan of pro wrestling for more than five years, and a *PWI* reader for three of them. Every year, I vote for the year-end awards, and I thought it was high time to compliment you on your magazine.

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DAVID BOEHM
Milwaukee

TERRIBLE TORNADO

I have always liked Kerry Von Erich, but I do not like the "Texas Tornado." Kerry, you have changed the way you wrestle, you have changed the way you look, and you have changed the way you talk.

In the past when being interviewed, you talked as though you were very smart and had a heart. Now you talk as though you are following a script. You talk about clouds in the heavens growing

dark and the tornado coming from the sky. Are you really happy with what you are doing? You talk about the strength of the fans, but you have lost some strength; you have lost *this* fan.

Kerry, you are too good to be a WWF clown. Let the world see how good you really are.

DONNA LATVIS
Norfolk, VA

BULLISH ON DAVEY BOY

I have been a fan of Davey Boy Smith for a long time and I'm thrilled he has returned to the WWF. I think he should get a new partner and go after the tag team title. But no matter what he does, I'm sure he'll be successful.

FARON MUNCEY
Prince George, BC

FORGOT ONE

I am writing in regard to your recent "Media Review" column concerning television broadcasts from smaller federations (January 1991). I enjoyed the column very much, but one organization I feel was overlooked is South Atlantic Pro Wrestling (SAPW). Their show is taped in smaller arenas in the Carolinas and is hosted by Frank Dusek with guest commentators. SAPW features many top stars, including Robert Fuller, Paul Jones, Rick Steamboat, Ranger Ross, and The Pit Bulldogs.

JAMES McHONE
Charlotte, NC

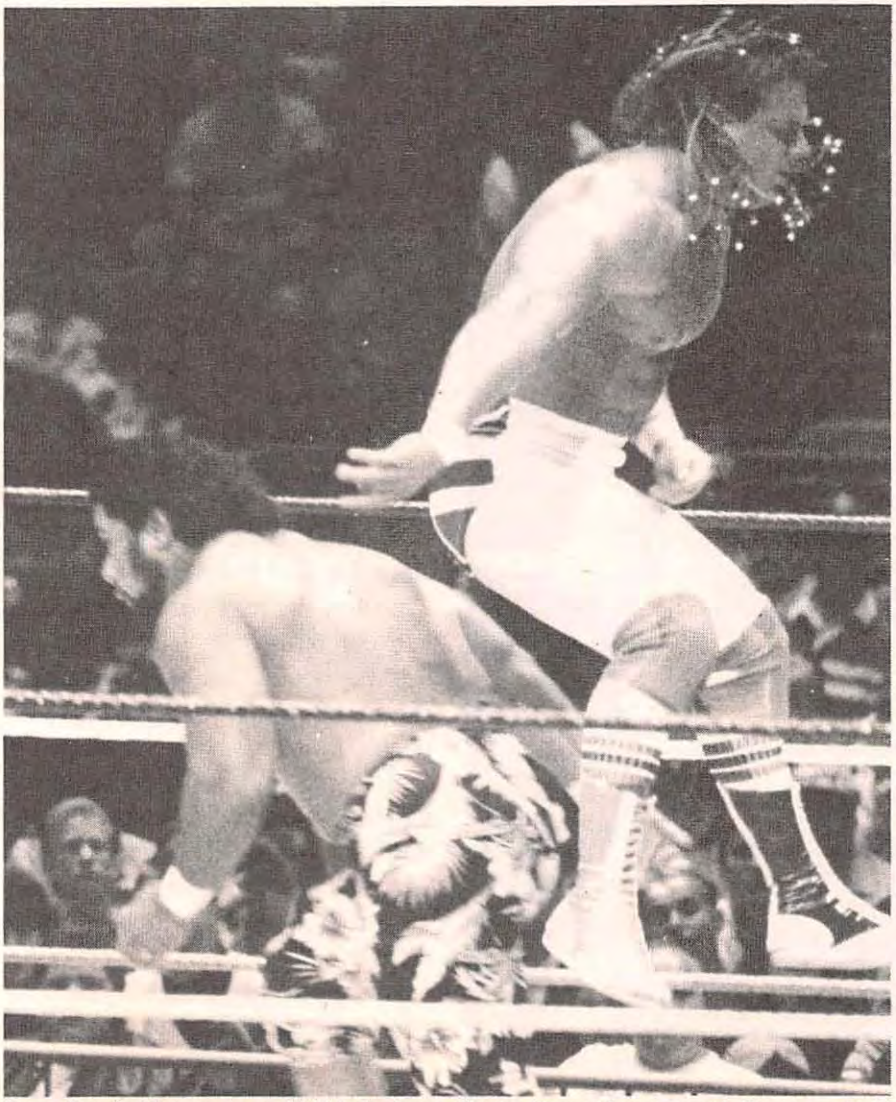
HANSEN'S HORRORS

Before I read your "Press Conference" with Stan Hansen (January 1991), I thought he had completely lost his mind. After reading it, I have absolutely no doubt. Hansen is a menace to everyone in the sport!

Now that Hansen has won the U.S. title, I'm sure he will act crazier than ever. Hopefully, Lex Luger will soon regain the belt. If he doesn't, Hansen may even take the U.S. title back to Japan, and what a shame that would be. This is why he must be stopped.

FRANCIS BERTMAN
White Plains, NY

Robert Fuller puts the sleeper on Rick Steamboat during a match in the SAPW, an independent federation supported by reader James McHone.



Davey Boy Smith leaps to avoid Haku's charge. Reader Faron Muncey would like to see Smith pursue the World tag team title rather than remain in singles competition.

THE WHOLE STORY

I'd like to compliment all the people who helped put together your article "The Legion Of Doom: Demolition Wannabes?" (December 1990). The split photos of the LOD and Demolition in different hues was eye-popping and breathtaking. The article was well-written and supported by known facts that others had ignored in the past.

The only thing that prevented

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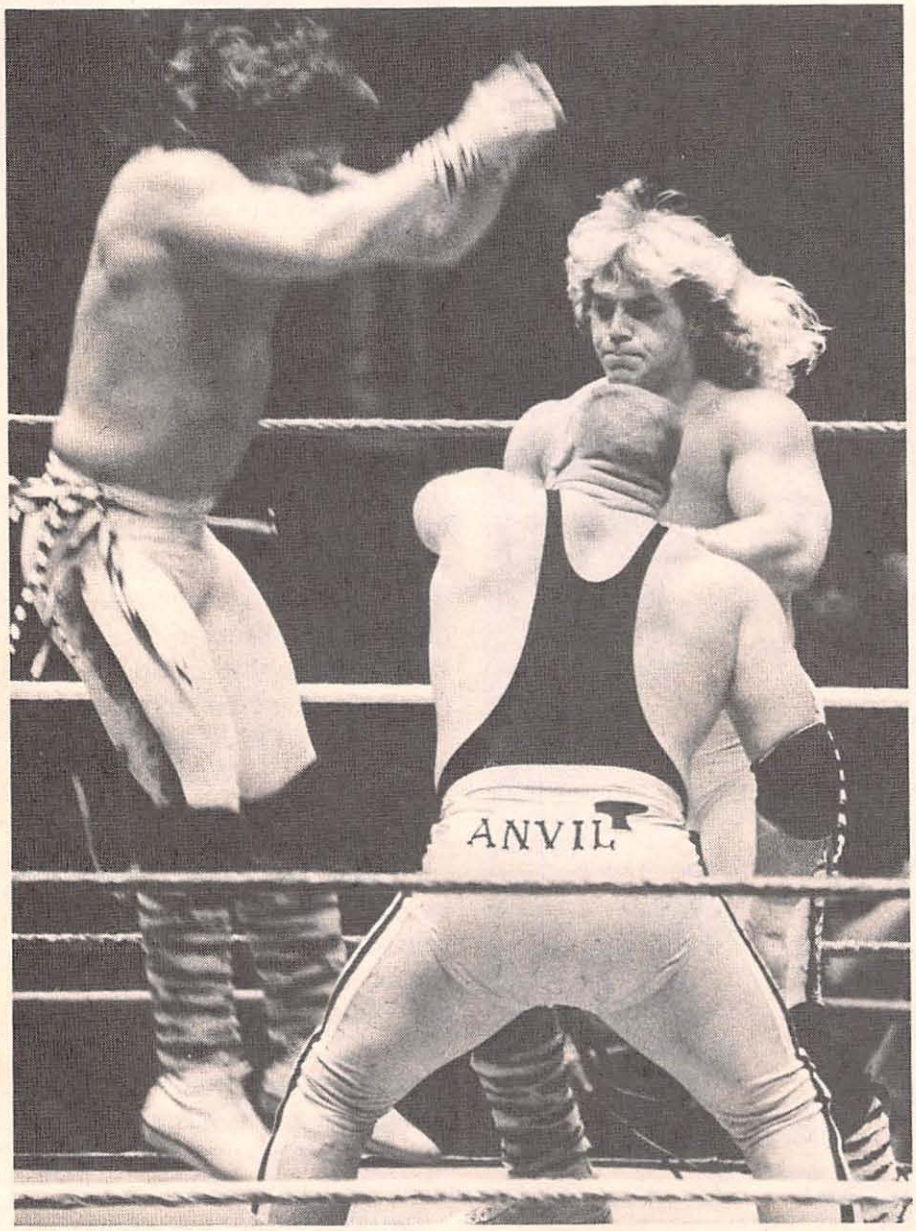
RINGSIDE

With Bill Apter

IN WHAT WILL surely be remembered as one of the biggest controversies of the year, WWF President **Jack Tunney** rescinded the victory of **The Rockers** over **The Hart Foundation** for the WWF World tag team title.

The Rockers cleanly defeated The Hart Foundation in a best-of-three-falls match on October 30 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, and enjoyed a week as "champions" before Tunney unleashed his bombshell.

The Rockers gained the victory and the title after Marty Jannetty pinned Bret Hart in the third fall. However, the condition of the ring during the second fall, which was won by The Hart Foundation when Hart pinned Michaels, was what prompted Tunney to make his decision. The top rope was knocked off the cornerpost, which caused the ropes around the ring to sag for eight to 10 minutes. Tunney believed this created an "unfair condition" for both teams.



Just days after The Rockers won the WWF World tag team title from The Hart Foundation, WWF President Jack Tunney rescinded their victory and gave the title back to the Harts.

Tunney ordered the result of the match stricken from the record books and ruled that title be returned to Hart and Neidhart. This was the WWF chief officer's second controversial ruling in less than a month. In October, Tunney suspended **Rick Rude** from the WWF because of comments the rulebreaker made about **Big Bossman's** mother.

I'm sure the WWF president made what he believed was a fair decision, but that hasn't appeased many fans, who claim that Tunney has deprived The Rockers of a title they cleanly won. The least the WWF can do is offer The Rockers a return bout, but as of press time The Hart Foundation was scheduled to defend its championship in a series of matches against **Hercules** and **Paul Roma**.

Meanwhile, mail has been pouring into our offices demanding that justice be done. One way to get involved is to return our petition to impeach Tunney, which is included in the Spring 1991 issue of **Wrestling 91,** currently on sale. If you're as fed up with Tunney's outrageous decisions as many of your fellow fans are, add your name to the petition today!

Jerry Lawler, who won an October 8 tournament to fill the vacant USWA championship, held the belt for less than a month. Veteran **Terry**

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Stuart M. Saks

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For Jerry Lawler: *The Handbook Of Pedestrian Safety*. We doubt Gilbert will accept our gift, so you'll have to learn to look both ways.

For Buck Zumhofe: A portable CD player. Get into the '90s, Bucky.

For Col. DeBeers: A year's free rent for an apartment in the inner city of your choice. Live with some different ethnic groups for a while and maybe (hopefully!) you'll find that there's good and bad in every race, and that a race of people must never be judged as a whole.

For Jeannie Clark: Contentment in marriage, so you can free yourself of the bitterness you feel toward your ex-husband, Chris Adams, and let him get on with his life.

For Dusty Rhodes: A tube of DiDi-7 splotch—*er*, spot—remover.

For Nick Busick: A signed contract to wrestle The Ultimate Warrior, so he could dispel the ignorant belief that the WWF champion is the strongest wrestler in the world.

For Terry Taylor: Fish, beef, veal, pork, even turkey. Anything but . . .

For Vince McMahon: Success in the bodybuilding business, so he can spend his time on his new endeavor and leave wrestling to people who have a little more respect for the sport and its fans.

For Hulk Hogan: Ten more prime years of wrestling life. I just can't get over the feeling that without the "Hulkster," wrestling will never be the same again.

For Kerry Von Erich: A watch. He's been counted out of the ring so often against Curt Hennig that one might think he's afraid to stay in the ring and slug it out.

For Harley Race: One more shot at the NWA World title, just to see if, maybe, just maybe . . .

For John Tatum: A new personality, one that women don't find repulsive after about six or seven months.

For Stan Hansen: A spittoon.

For Ted DiBiase: A new savings account in a Texas S & L.

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For The Ultimate Warrior: His own 900 telephone number. By the time he finishes his message, he'll have made a fortune.

For Herb Abrams: Laryngitis. It's the best chance for the future success of the UWF.

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WIN LOSE OR DRAW

BY ANDY RODRIGUEZ

THERE ISN'T AN issue of *PWI* I enjoy working on more than the year-end edition. Maybe it's because the fans are so much a part of it. Reading your outlandish predictions and your "Unofficial/Official Awards" is a lot of fun.

That is somewhat related to a problem I have had since joining the *PWI* staff. In all the writing and reporting I do, it's often hard to find out what the fans are saying and thinking. Sure, we receive a lot of mail, but sometimes I'd just like to sit down with a group of fans, throw out a few topics for discussion, and listen to the responses.

If I talk to a group of fans at, say, Madison Square Garden in New York, I'll get plenty of differing opinions, but they won't be representative of fan opinion across the country, because Garden fans are all from the New York area. However, the time and cost involved in gathering people together from all over North America is prohibitive, so I'm not able to do that.

I decided that one of the best things I could do was to sit down at the phone one afternoon and call a bunch of our subscribers at random, and that's what I did. To a person, they were eager to talk about a wide variety of topics.

Here are the occurrences and developments fans were most concerned about in 1990. For each topic, I'll give a sampling of fan opinion, then my own.

The rise and fall of The Four Horsemen. "If the Horsemen needed a fake Sting to win the World title, that proves how desperate they are," said Quinn Ryan of Winnipeg, Manitoba. "I don't think they're going to last much longer. The Dudes With Attitudes proved that if you stand up to them, they can be had."

"Don't count the Horsemen out," countered Bryan Knudsen of Madison, Wisconsin. "When they're all working together, they're pretty awesome. They just have to make sure their egos don't clash."

There's no question the Horsemen aren't as fearsome as they once were. Ric Flair is no longer World champion, and the feud with Doom diluted their fearsomeness. If they want to be the Horsemen of old, they'll have to at least start winning some titles again.

The ascension of The Ultimate Warrior to the WWF throne. "It was inevitable that Warrior beat Hulk Hogan for the belt," said Don Kladner of White Bear Lake, Minnesota. "Hogan has too many distractions on his mind, like Hollywood. And besides, Warrior's just plain better than he is."

"I'd almost guarantee that Hogan will be back to win the title for a third time," maintained Bill Thridley of Wayne, New Jersey. "Warrior is only a temporary caretaker of the belt."

I agree with Mr. Thridley. I have to believe that Hogan still has the ability to recapture the World title. Warrior has been a dominant champion—turning back intense challenges from Rick Rude, for example—but Hogan has overcome much greater odds in the past, and he'll do so again.

The Chris & Toni Adams vs. Steve Austin & Jeannie Clark feud. "This whole situation was an absolute dis-

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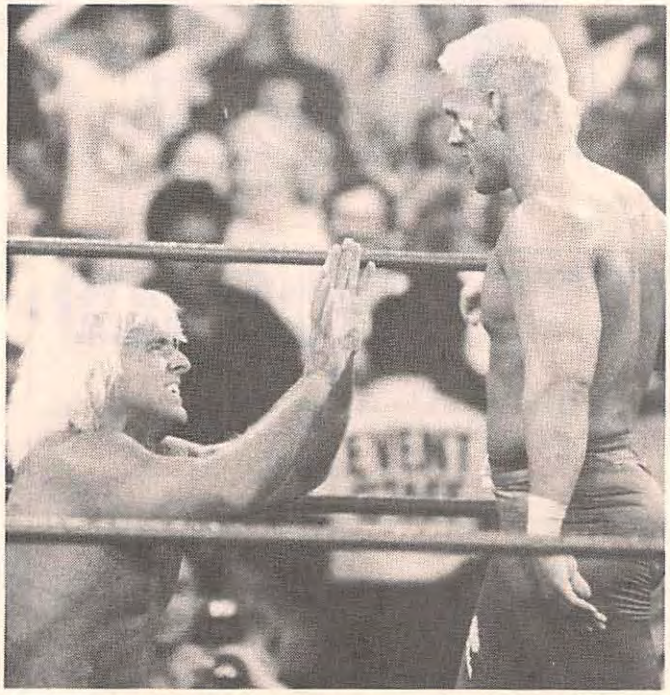

Ric Flair's loss of the NWA World title to Sting is indicative of The Four Horsemen's loss of power, writes Andy Rodriguez.

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DIGEST

WITH CRAIG PETERS

RESOLUTIONS FOR 1991

The Destruction Crew vs. Greg Gagne

This year-end edition of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* is slated to go on sale January 1, 1991. Which is a perfect time for me to put myself in some wrestlers' shoes—or boots—and consider what New Year's resolutions I would make if I were . . .

Chris Adams: I'd resolve to screen any future candidates for my wrestling school *very carefully.*

Arn Anderson: I'd resolve to start defending my NWA television title regularly on television—or vacate the belt for lack of interest.

The Destruction Crew: I'd resolve to make a move to the NWA, where my tag team talents could be appreciated—and, hopefully, bear some championship fruit.

Eddie Ellner: I'd resolve to be more tolerant of others' opinions . . . and of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated's* deadlines.

Ric Flair: I'd resolve to dump The Four Horsemen and regain the class and form I had for most of my six NWA World title reigns. I'd probably find that number seven would come a lot easier than having to formulate a duplicate Sting hoax.

Stan Hansen: I'd resolve to give up my disgusting, nauseating, abominable, foul, vulgar, loathsome, sickening, repugnant, hideous, vile, stomach-churning habit of chewing tobacco.

Curt Hennig: I'd resolve to rid myself of my obsession with Kerry Von Erich.

Hulk Hogan: I'd resolve to find an acting coach before appearing in any more film projects.

Jerry Lawler: I'd resolve to do everything in my power to have Eddie Gilbert's driver's license revoked.

The Legion of Doom: I'd resolve to negotiate for Paul Ellering to once again become my manager, then forget about appeasing the fans and teaming up with The Ultimate Warrior and concentrate on what I've always done best:

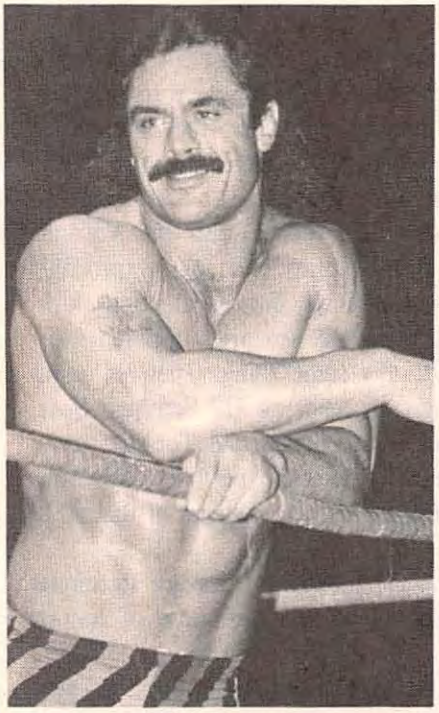
kicking butt!

Vince McMahon: I'd resolve to find a new fashion consultant who doesn't have such a predilection for yellow suits or vests with lapels.

Dusty Rhodes: I'd resolve to finally drop 50 or 60 excess pounds.

The Rockers: I'd resolve to get a fair shot at the WWF World tag team title.

Buddy Rose: see Dusty Rhodes.



Rick Rude

Rick Rude: I'd resolve to think long and hard about where my big mouth has gotten me, and reconsider my snotty attitude before returning to full-time action.

Randy Savage: I'd resolve to dump Sensational Sherri, shed my bogus "King" image, and get back to *wrestling.*

Rick & Scott Steiner: I'd resolve to keep on the same track through 1991 as I've been on in 1990. (Though the NWA World tag team belts aren't theirs, everything else is right where it should be for these incredible competitors. More of the same is the best we could hope for from these masters of the suplex . . . and the Steinerline . . . and the Frankensteiner . . . and the tilt-a-whirl . . . and . . .)

Jack Tunney: I'd resolve to formulate a consistent federation policy in order to restore credibility to the office of president of the WWF.

Ted Turner: I'd resolve to spread some money around and woo some stars from the WWF over to the NWA and give them the opportunity to show the world what they can really do. (After all, there are plenty of excellent *wrestlers* who are, like Terry Taylor did for much of 1989 and '90, floundering among the vast pool of talent there.)

Greg Valentine: I'd resolve to wash the shoe polish out of my hair and just put the past year of embarrassment behind me as quickly as possible.

Sid Vicious: I'd resolve to expand my repertoire beyond a one-dimensional power attack. (Imagine if this guy really developed a wide range of moves and maneuvers!)

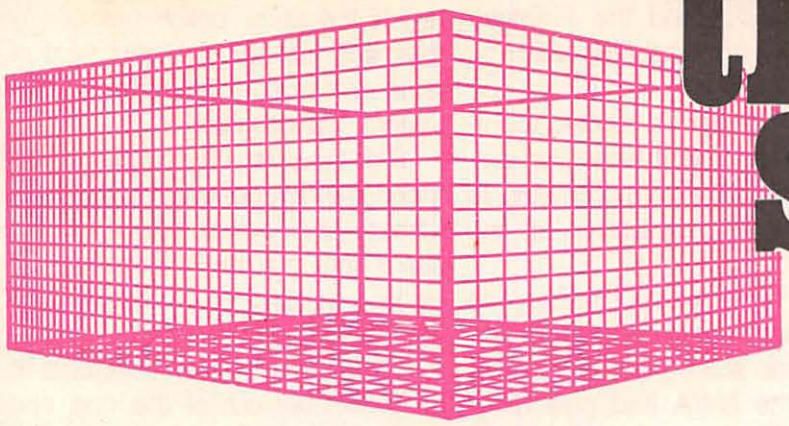
Chris Von Erich: I'd resolve to stay the hell out of the ring and away from vastly more experienced and physically far more superior athletes before I find myself seriously hurt.

The Warlord: I'd resolve to reform my Powers of Pain tag team with The Barbarian, because my singles career is going nowhere.

The Ultimate Warrior

The Ultimate Warrior: I'd resolve to find myself an elocution coach (although I don't think even Prof. Henry Higgins could do anything with this guy!).

Larry Zbyszko: I'd resolve to finally pay off my Team Challenge Series teammates before they pay me off in a dark alley. □



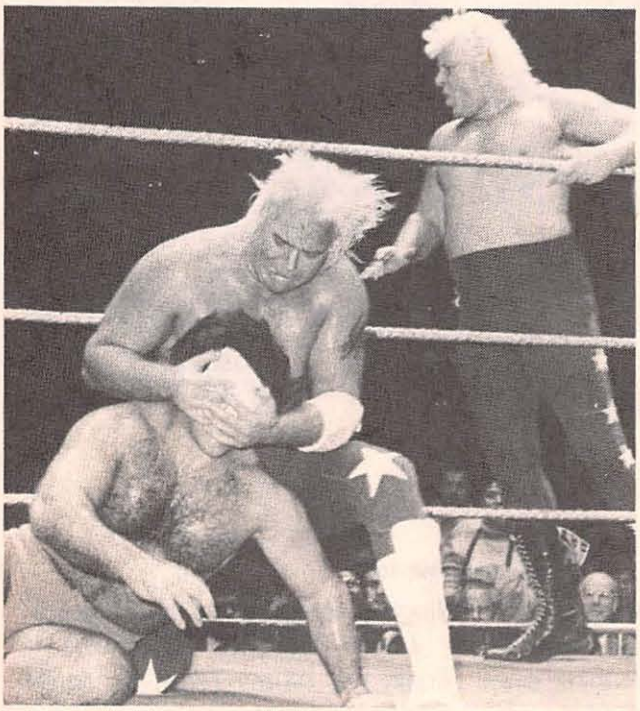
the steel cage

By Bob Smith

VALIANTLY NASTY. Every time I see The Nasty Boys—Jerry Sags and Brian Knobs—get involved in a raucous free-for-all with Rick and Scott Steiner, I can't help but think back 16 years. That was a time when another team of streetwise brawlers was dominating the tag team scene.

Indeed, there are a lot of parallels between The Nasty Boys and Jimmy and Johnny Valiant, who held the WWF World tag team title in 1974. The Valiants were born and raised in New York City, while Sags and Knobs moved there after spending their formative years in Allentown, Pennsylvania. While the Valiants are blood brothers, Knobs and Sags are every bit as close, as they've spent the majority of their lives together.

But what sets both of these teams apart from the rest is that they succeed when the odds seem to be dead against them. In the '70s, the Valiants weren't the biggest or strongest team in the sport, and they were a long way from the being the quickest. However, they brought to the ring an arrogant cockiness that served as a warning to their opponents: Beat us if you can.



Jimmy Valiant roughs up Bruno Sammartino as his brother Johnny argues with the fans. Bob Smith writes that The Nasty Boys, with their rough-and-tumble style, remind him of the Valiants.

Very few duos were able to vanquish the Valiants. Between the two of them, Jimmy and Johnny probably knew less than 10 wrestling holds, but they'd stomp, kick, scratch, and claw their way to win after disputed win.

Sags and Knobs do the same thing. They're not as powerful as the Steiners, as quick as The Southern Boys, or as well-rounded as Brian Pillman and Tom Zenk. So how come they've soundly defeated the latter two teams while giving the Steiners the hardest matches of their U.S. title reign?

The styles of the Valiants and Nasties are so similar that I had to ask Knobs if he he's ever heard of Johnny and Jimmy.

"Heard of 'em?" laughed Knobs. "Hell, those guys were our heroes when we were growing up! I learned from those guys that all the fancy wrestling holds in the world are no defense against a hard kick in the chops. Hey, all the fans used to underrate the Valiants the same way they don't give us much chance at winning. So you tell me: Why are we ranked so high in the ratings? *Hah!*"

Indeed, Sags and Knobs are the unlikely tag team success story of 1990. One prominent critic of the wrestling scene believes they'll be NWA World champions in 1991. Guess who?

"These guys are the greatest," enthused Johnny Valiant, currently taking some time off from the mat wars. "You can keep the pretty boys and the powerlifters. A couple of *real* men like Sags and Knobs will beat 'em every time."

A RICH HERITAGE. We've been getting a ton of mail about Chief Jay Strongbow, who wrestles in the Universal Wrestling Federation. Most of it has been negative, although no one has complained about his grappling skills.

"That's not Strongbow!" complained reader Gerry

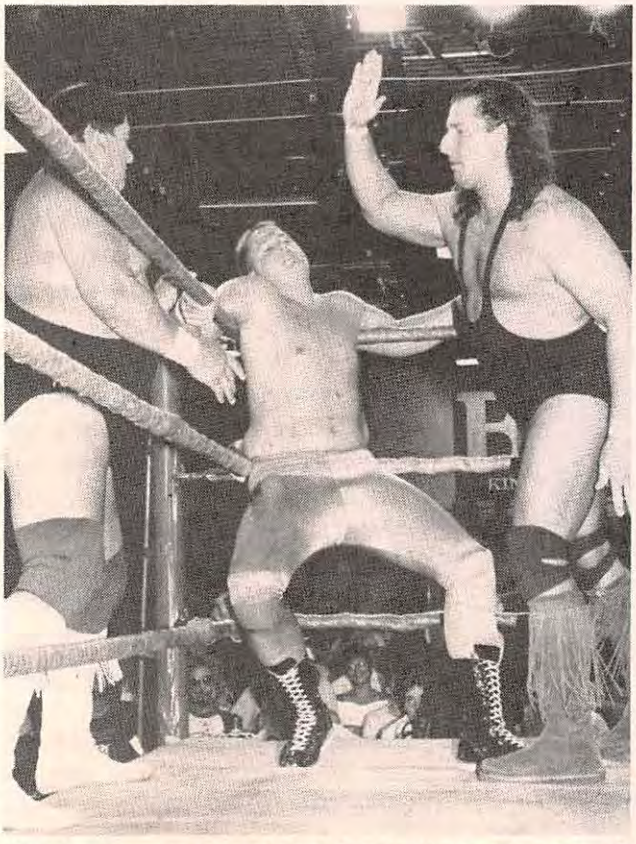
Walszyk of Boston. "Chief Jay was one of my favorite wrestlers, and he retired a few years ago. What I can't believe is that color commentator Bruno Sammartino says he's known this guy for years. How can he stand up for this impostor?"

Actually, fans, this man is not an impostor at all. He's actually Chief Jay Strongbow *Jr.*, and he's been quite successful wrestling in California during the past five years. He also had a brief stint in the AWA, where he teamed with Wahoo McDaniel in 1988.

Strongbow realizes that dropping the "Jr." from his name has led to a great deal of confusion among the fans, but the second-generation star says it's high time that he lets fans know there's another Strongbow on the horizon.

"I have the same problem David Sammartino used to have," said Strongbow with a smile. "He used to bill himself as David 'Bruno' Sammartino and as Bruno Jr. just to establish himself, but he dropped that designation after he became known. Now I feel that I'm ready to establish myself, too. The UWF is filled with top stars, and I am as good as any of them."

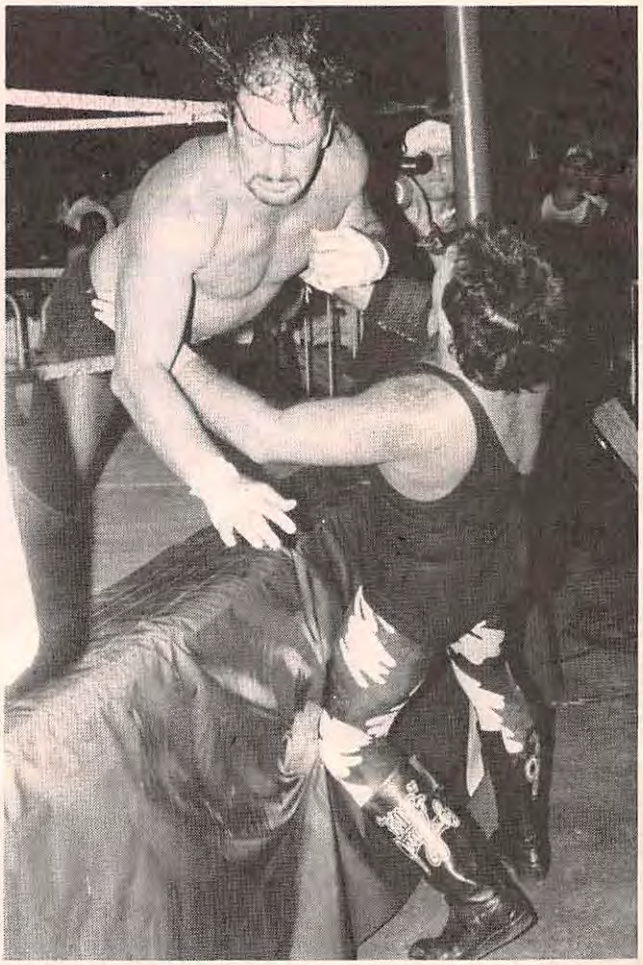
Anyone who's seen Strongbow in action realizes he's a chip off the old block. Not only does he look remarkably like the former WWF superstar, but he uses the same powerful tomahawk chops. And don't get him angry, or you'll end up on the receiving end of his "war dance," a series of devastating kneelifts.



Chief Jay Strongbow tags off to Wahoo McDaniel. Strongbow, who competes in the UWF, is the son of the Jay Strongbow who starred in the WWF in the '70s.

"I don't want to be compared to anyone else," Strongbow insists. "All I want now is to take on the best competition I can get. When I beat my opponents, the fans will have no choice but to judge me on my *own* merits."

IN A FUNK. Right at the end of a year when it seemed young stars were about to dominate the sport, grizzled veteran Terry Funk wins his first singles title since 1977! The 25-year veteran shocked Jerry Lawler by capturing the USWA championship on November 5 in Memphis.



Terry Funk's success against Jerry Lawler proves that there's still room in the sport for veteran grapplers.

Lawler wasn't nearly as shocked as I was, since I assumed—like many other people—that Funk was past his prime.

"Shows what you know," laughed Funk a few days after earning the belt (with a little help from Eddie Gilbert). "I may not be as young as I used to be, but I'm still twice as tough as all the sissy boys that call themselves wrestlers today—and that includes Lawler."

Are the youngsters *really* taking over the sport? We've still got Funk. We've still got five-decade men Harley Race, Bobo Brazil, and The Sheik, and four-decade stars such as Mil Mascaras, Abdullah the Butcher, Ronnie Garvin, and Baron Von Raschke.

I have a feeling they'll all continue to make headlines throughout 1991—and for many years to come. □

BY EDDIE ELLNER

off the Top Rope

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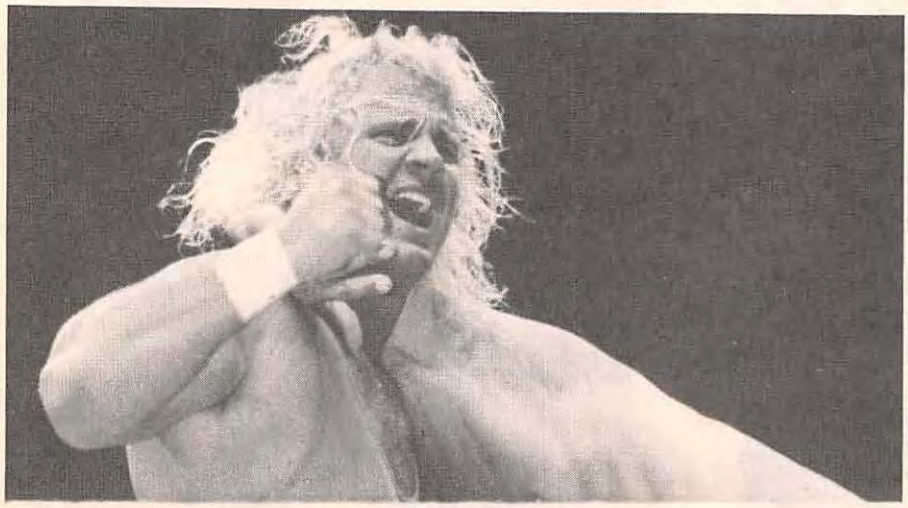

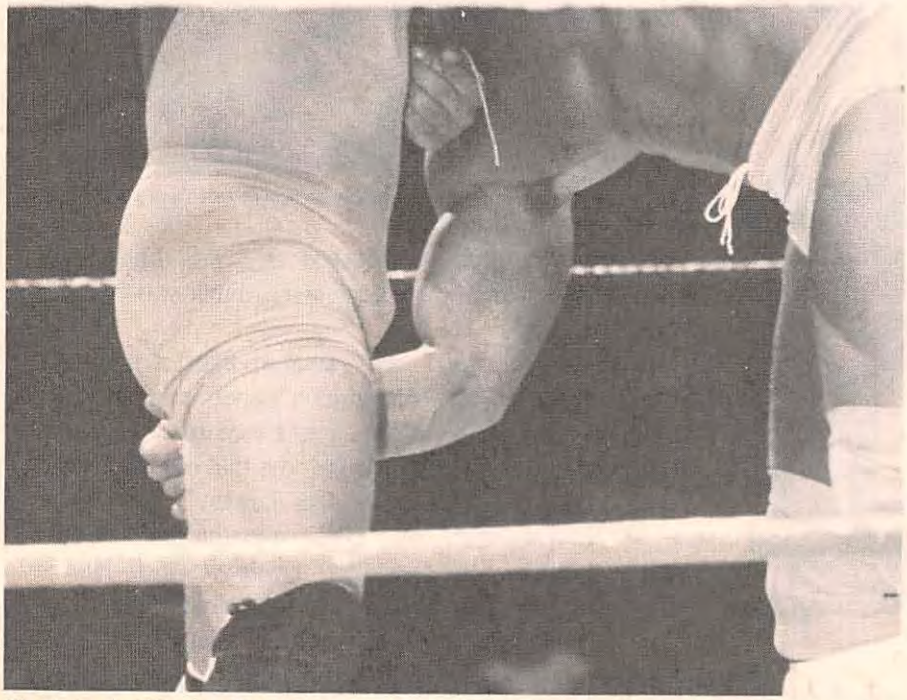

My choice for Wrestler of the Year? Curt Hennig, who lost the Intercontinental title to Kerry Von Erich but rebounded quickly. Stan Hansen also merits consideration.

[Editor's note: The opinions expressed in this column are those of the letter writers and Eddie Ellner himself. They do not necessarily represent the editorial views of this magazine.]

I HATE TO be disappointed, especially during the holidays, so thank you, readers, for not letting me down. Your selections for the ***PWI*** *year-end awards once again displayed a lack of courage, imagination, and intelligence. Is it possible that you people don't even understand the sport you spend so many devoted hours following?*

For instance, your choice for Wrestler of the Year. After three years and over 100 attempts, Sting finally manages to defeat Ric Flair and capture the NWA title. This makes Sting the Most Persistent Wrestler of the Year, not the best. After 150 tries, chances are even I'd be able to give Flair a run for his money. A far worthier selection would have been Curt (Mr. Almost-But-Not-Quite Perfect) Hennig, whose .997 winning percentage was the best in the country; or Stan Hansen, who defeated the best competition in the world en route to three Japanese titles and the U.S. title.

I don't even think Sting's quick recovery from extensive knee surgery qualified him for Inspirational Wrestler—which he also won. How about 52-year-old Mil Mascaras, whose ring

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PWI's TOP 10

Randy Savage

TOP 10

1. **STING**
   260, Venice Beach, CA
   (1) NWA World champion
2. **THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR**
   280, Queens, NY
   (2) WWF World champion
3. **KERRY VON ERICH**
   260, Denton, TX
   (4) WWF Intercontinental champion
4. **RANDY SAVAGE**
   245, Sarasota, FL
   (-) No. 2 contender: WWF title
5. **STAN HANSEN**
   322, Borger, TX
   (-) U.S. heavyweight champion
6. **SID VICIOUS**
   318, West Memphis, AR
   (6) No. 2 contender: NWA title
7. **LEX LUGER**
   268, Chicago, IL
   (3) No. 1 contender: U.S. title
8. **CURT HENNIG**
   235, Minneapolis, MN
   (5) No. 1 contender: I-C title
9. **EARTHQUAKE**
   462, Montreal, Quebec
   (-) No. 3 contender: WWF title
10. **TERRY FUNK**
    247, Amarillo, TX
    (-) USWA champion

TAG TEAMS

1. **DOOM**
   Combined weight: 565 pounds
   (2) NWA World tag team champions
2. **RICK & SCOTT STEINER**
   Combined weight: 483 pounds
   (3) U.S. tag team champions
3. **THE HART FOUNDATION**
   Combined weight: 515 pounds
   (1) WWF World tag team champions
4. **THE ROCKERS**
   Combined weight: 450 pounds
   (-) No. 1 contenders: WWF tag team title
5. **ARN ANDERSON & RIC FLAIR**
   Combined weight: 492 pounds
   (4) No. 1 contenders: NWA tag team title
6. **THE NASTY BOYS**
   Combined weight: 565 pounds
   (6) No. 1 contenders: U.S. tag team title
7. **THE LEGION OF DOOM**
   Combined weight: 567 pounds
   (-) No. 2 contenders: WWF tag team title
8. **HERCULES & PAUL ROMA**
   Combined weight: 490 pounds
   (-) No. 3 contenders: WWF tag team title
9. **THE GRAPPLER & THE EQUALIZER**
   Combined weight: 530 pounds
   (-) PNW tag team champions
10. **TONY ANTHONY & DOUG GILBERT**
    Combined weight: 465 pounds
    (9) USWA tag team champions

NWA

World Champion:
STING
(C) 260, Venice Beach, CA

1. **STAN HANSEN** *(4) 322, Borger, TX*
2. **SID VICIOUS** *(2) 318, West Memphis, AR*
3. **BLACK SCORPION** *(3) ???, parts unknown*
4. **LEX LUGER** *(1) 268, Chicago, IL*
5. **ARN ANDERSON** *(5) 249, Minneapolis, MN*
6. **TERRY TAYLOR** *(7) 225, Vero Beach, FL*
7. **JUNKYARD DOG** *(8) 305, Charlotte, NC*
8. **RIC FLAIR** *(6) 243, Minneapolis, MN*
9. **BOBBY EATON** *(-) 233, Huntsville, AL*
10. **THE JUICER** *(9) 230, Portland, OR*

WWF

World Champion:
THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR
(C) 280, Queens, NY

1. **KERRY VON ERICH** *(1) 260, Denton, TX*
2. **RANDY SAVAGE** *(3) 245, Sarasota, FL*
3. **EARTHQUAKE** *(4) 462, Montreal, Quebec*
4. **CURT HENNIG** *(2) 235, Minneapolis, MN*
5. **TED DiBIASE** *(5) 247, Omaha, NB*
6. **BIG BOSSMAN** *(-) 348, Cobb County, GA*
7. **HULK HOGAN** *(7) 302, Venice Beach, CA*
8. **DAVEY BOY SMITH** *(-) 245, Leeds, England*
9. **SGT. SLAUGHTER** *(6) 310, Parris Island, SC*
10. **DINO BRAVO** *(10) 256, Montreal, Quebec*

AWA

World Champion:
LARRY ZBYSZKO
(C) 248, Pittsburgh, PA

1. **TOMMY JAMMER** *(-) 245, San Diego, CA*
2. **NIKITA KOLOFF** *(1) 275, Moscow, Russia*
3. **THE TROOPER** *(3) 290, Charlotte, NC*
4. **TATSUMI FUJINAMI** *(2) 231, Tokyo, Japan*
5. **COL. DeBEERS** *(4) 248, South Africa*
6. **LARRY CAMERON** *(8) 280, Chicago, IL*
7. **MIKE ENOS** *(7) 252, Minneapolis, MN*
8. **BRAD RHEINGANS** *(-) 248, Appleton, MN*
9. **WAYNE BLOOM** *(6) 266, Minneapolis, MN*
10. **BUCK ZUMHOFE** *(10) 222, Minneapolis, MN*

USWA

USWA Champion:
TERRY FUNK
(3) 247, Amarillo, TX

1. **JERRY LAWLER** *(C) 234, Memphis, TN*
2. **EDDIE GILBERT** *(2) 222, Lexington, TN*
3. **BILL DUNDEE** *(-) 214, Melbourne, Australia*
4. **JEFF JARRETT** *(4) 200, Hendersonville, TN*
5. **JEFF GAYLORD** *(7) 280, St. Louis, MO*
6. **CHRIS CHAMPION** *(-) 222, Tampa, FL*
7. **SHEIK HUSSEIN** *(-) 228, Saudi Arabia*
8. **BRICKHOUSE BROWN** *(-) 225, Winter Haven, FL*
9. **DAN DAVIS** *(-) 218, Nashville, TN*
10. **KEN WAYNE** *(-) 208, Memphis, TN*

OFFICIAL RATINGS

Top 10 and Tag Team ratings are based on won-lost records for the past month, quality of opposition, and inherent skill of each wrestler or team. These ratings are compiled by the magazine's editorial board. Most Popular and Most Hated ratings are based on nationwide telephone and arena surveys of wrestling fans and on the volume and character of mail that comes to our offices. All other ratings are based on the official current positions of challengers to the top title in each category; certain titleholders receive an automatic spot in the ratings. The number in parentheses indicates a wrestler's position in that category last issue; (-) indicates that the wrestler was not rated in that category last issue, while (C) indicates the wrestler was champion in that category last issue.

MOST POPULAR

1. **STING**
   260, Venice Beach, CA
   Last issue: No. 2 Most Popular
2. **HULK HOGAN**
   302, Venice Beach, CA
   Last issue: No. 1 Most Popular
3. **THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR**
   280, Queens, NY
   Last issue: No. 4 Most Popular
4. **KERRY VON ERICH**
   260, Denton, TX
   Last issue: No. 5 Most Popular
5. **LEX LUGER**
   268, Chicago, IL
   Last issue: No. 3 Most Popular
6. **BIG BOSSMAN**
   312, Cobb County, GA
   Last issue: No. 8 Most Popular
7. **SCOTT STEINER**
   235, Bay City, MI
   Last issue: No. 6 Most Popular
8. **JERRY LAWLER**
   234, Memphis, TN
   Last issue: No. 9 Most Popular
9. **JAKE ROBERTS**
   246, Stone Mountain, GA
   Last issue: No. 10 Most Popular
10. **JEFF JARRETT**
    200, Hendersonville, TN
    Last issue: unrated

MOST HATED

1. **RICK MARTEL**
   236, Quebec City, Quebec
   Last issue: unrated
2. **SID VICIOUS**
   318, West Memphis, AR
   Last issue: No. 1 Most Hated
3. **TED DiBIASE**
   247, Omaha, NB
   Last issue: No. 3 Most Hated
4. **STAN HANSEN**
   322, Borger, TX
   Last issue: No. 5 Most Hated
5. **EARTHQUAKE**
   462, Montreal, Quebec
   Last issue: No. 2 Most Hated
6. **BLACK SCORPION**
   ???, parts unknown
   Last issue: No. 4 Most Hated
7. **TERRY FUNK**
   247, Amarillo, TX
   Last issue: unrated
8. **SGT. SLAUGHTER**
   310, Parris Island, SC
   Last issue: No. 8 Most Hated
9. **RIC FLAIR**
   243, Minneapolis, MN
   Last issue: No. 7 Most Hated
10. **EDDIE GILBERT**
    222, Lexington, TN
    Last issue: No. 6 Most Hated

For period ended November 16, 1990

CUMULATIVE RATINGS

These ratings are based on the past 10 issues of this magazine. We have examined our ratings for each of those issues—in our Top 10 and Tag Team categories only—and assigned each position a point value: 10 points for a number-one rating, nine for a number-two ranking, and so on down to one point for a number-10 rating. The point values for all wrestlers in the past 10 issues have been compiled, allowing a maximum of 100 points. Each issue we'll present the top five finishers in each category. While our regular ratings reflect the past month, these cumulative ratings give an indication of wider trends in the sport.

SINGLES

1—ULTIMATE WARRIOR ..... 91 points
2—LEX LUGER ..... 72 points
3—RIC FLAIR ..... 66 points
4—STING ..... 54 points
5—CURT HENNIG ..... 53 points

TAG TEAMS

1—RICK & SCOTT STEINER ..... 85 points
2—DOOM ..... 74 points
3—DEMOLITION ..... 68 points
4—THE HART FOUNDATION ..... 60 points
5—LEGION OF DOOM ..... 34 points

PNW

PNW Champion:
STEVE DOLL
(-) 237, Dallas, TX

1. **THE GRAPPLER**
   (C) 280, parts unknown
2. **SCOTT NORTON**
   (6) 360, Minneapolis, MN
3. **DOUG MASTERS**
   (3) 230, Tulsa, OK
4. **LARRY OLIVER**
   (9) 235, Tampa, FL
5. **THE EQUALIZER**
   (8) 250, parts unknown
6. **JOHN RAMBO**
   (1) 260, Charlotte, NC
7. **STEVE SAWYER**
   (5) 222, Kansas City, MO
8. **BRAD ANDERSON**
   (7) 220, Minneapolis, MN
9. **RICKY SANTANA**
   (-) 235, Orlando, FL
10. **AL MADRIL**
    (-) 231, Los Angeles, CA

ICW

ICW Champion:
VIC STEAMBOAT
(C) 235, Honolulu, HI

1. **TASMANIAN DEVIL**
   (1) 245, Tasmania
2. **CURLY MOE**
   (4) 555, Mudville, OH
3. **ERIC SBRACCHIA**
   (3) 240, Boston, MA
4. **G.Q. MADISON**
   (2) 240, Philadelphia, PA
5. **JOE SAVOLDI**
   (6) 220, Parsippany, NJ
6. **CHRIS MICHAELS**
   (8) 231, New York, NY
7. **EQUALIZER ZAP**
   (-) 245, Lake Charles, LA
8. **HOSS**
   (7) 420, Waco, TX
9. **EQUALIZER ZIP**
   (-) 240, Lake Charles, LA
10. **MONDO KLEEN**
    (5) 305, Brooklyn, NY

GEORGIA: **Georgia All-Star champion**—Nick Busick; **1**—Joel Deaton; **2**—Steve Lawler; **3**—Billy Black; **4**—Abdullah the Butcher; **5**—Jim Powell; **6**—Festus; **7**—Aladdin; **8**—Randy Rose; **9**—Ron Starr; **10**—Steve Pritchard.

LPWA: **LPWA champion**—Susan Sexton; **1**—The Beast; **2**—Lelani Kai; **3**—Magnificent Mimi; **4**—Flame; **5**—Reggie Bennett; **6**—Misty Blue Simmes; **7**—Bambi; **8**—Heidi Lee Morgan; **9**—Terry Power; **10**—Bad Girl.

PWA: **PWA champion**—Ricky Rice; **1**—Charlie Norris; **2**—Jerry Lynn; **3**—Larry Cameron; **4**—Ken Patera; **5**—Tommy Ferrara; **6**—Tommy Jammer; **7**—Lightning Kid; **8**—Louie Spicoli; **9**—Randy Gust; **10**—Rett Royal.

PWF: **PWF champion**—Steve Keirn; **1**—Lou Perez; **2**—Ron Slinker; **3**—Mark Starr; **4**—Dick Slater; **5**—Jim Backlund; **6**—Hurricane Walker; **7**—Sgt. Rock; **8**—Incredible Thor; **9**—Frankie Lancaster; **10**—Coconut Kid.

SAPW: **SAPW champion**—Robert Fuller; **1**—Paul Jones; **2**—Chris Chavis; **3**—Ranger Ross; **4**—Vince Torelli; **5**—Curtis Thompson; **6**—Tex Salinger; **7**—Trent Knight; **8**—Tommy Seabolt; **9**—Pit Bulldog Rex; **10**—Ricky Wilson.

WWC: **WWC champion**—Carlos Colon; **1**—The Hangman; **2**—Kim Duk; **3**—TNT; **4**—Invader IV; **5**—Billy Travis; **6**—Mr. Pogo; **7**—Rick Valentine; **8**—Eric Embry; **9**—Invader I; **10**—Jeff Jarrett.

WCCW: **WCCW champion**—none; **1**—Kevin Von Erich; **2**—Iceman Parsons; **3**—John Tatum; **4**—Angel of Death; **5**—Steve Austin; **6**—Gary Young; **7**—Steve Dane; **8**—Skip Young; **9**—California Stud; **10**—Steve Cox.

RATINGS ANALYSIS

Every month, this column will tell fans how we go about rating over 200 wrestlers in 19 different categories. It is a behind-the-scenes look at the most important—and respected—ratings system in the sport. This column is vital reading for all wrestling fans.

What a difference a year makes! In keeping with the theme of this special year-end issue, we thought we'd take a look at the Top 10 ratings in the March 1990 issue of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* (for the period ended November 18, 1989) and examine how things have changed since then.

THE WINNERS: A year ago, **Sting** was ranked number seven in the Top 10, and was the number-one contender to the U.S. title. Today he's the reigning NWA World champion—and holds the top spot in the Top 10 ... **The Ultimate Warrior** has gone from being the WWF Intercontinental champion, ranked at number four, to WWF World champion and a solid second-place position ... A year ago, **Kerry Von Erich** was having a hard time staying in the Top 10. He was USWA Texas champion, but was still feeling the sting of being uspet by little-known **Taras Bulba**. Today, it all seems like ancient history as the WWF Intercontinental champion rides high at number three ...**Randy Savage** has made a remarkable comeback. After falling out of contention for the WWF World title, he fell out of the rankings completely a year ago. Now he's giving the Warrior some tough title matches, and he's back at number four ... **Sid Vicious** and **Earthquake** are newcomers to the Top 10; **Stan Hansen** and **Terry Funk** return after lengthy absences.

Kerry Von Erich

THE LOSERS: Last year, **Ric Flair** seemed to rule the sport. Not only was he firmly ensconced as NWA World champion and number-one in our Top 10, but a month later he received the *PWI* Wrestler of the Decade trophy. Not only has the "Nature Boy" lost his title to Sting, but he's fallen competely out of our Top 10. Of course, a lot of that has to do with the fact that Flair and **Arn Anderson** have formed a tag team; they're currently ranked at number five ... **Hulk Hogan** has also seen his fortunes fade. A year ago he was number two and WWF World champion. His loss of the title—and his infrequent appearances of late—have forced him out of the Top 10, at least for now ... **Larry Zbyszko** is the oddest case of all. One year ago, he was AWA World champion and rated at number eight. Zbyszko still holds the belt, but rarely defends it, making it impossible for us to rank him above more active competitors ... **Jerry Lawler** was number eight last year, but he's USWA champion no longer and he's out ... **The Great Muta**, NWA TV champion and number five last year, is currently competing in his native Japan.

MUCH PAIN, NO GAIN: Lex Luger held on to the number three spot for most of the past year while holding the U.S. title. He lost the belt to Hansen at Halloween Havoc '90, and has since slipped to number seven ... A year ago, **Curt Hennig** was the number-two contender to the WWF World title, ranked at number six. Now, he's the top I-C contender, ranked at number eight.

Despised duos. As we promised last issue, here are the ratings for the current Most Hated tag teams. A brief analysis follows.

MOST HATED TAG TEAMS
1—DEMOLITION
2—DOOM
3—ARN ANDERSON & RIC FLAIR
4—GREG VALENTINE & THE HONKY TONK MAN
5—THE MIDNIGHT EXPRESS
6—THE NASTY BOYS
7—THE FREEBIRDS
8—POWER & GLORY
9—THE ORIENT EXPRESS
10—SAMOAN SWAT TEAM

Analysis. **Ax** and **Smash** reestablished themselves as the most hated team in the sport when they added massive **Crush** and turned their backs on the rulebook this past spring ... **Ron Simmons** and **Butch Reed** injured many wrestlers en route to becoming NWA World tag team champions ... **Arn Anderson** and **Ric Flair** are two of **The Four Horsemen**. Is it any wonder why they're so hated? ... **Rhythm 'n' Blues** illegally use their guitars in almost every match ... **Stan Lane** and **Bobby Eaton** are immensely talented, but they're reviled by the fans for their vile tactics and the constant interference of their manager, **Jim Cornette** ... **Brian Knobs** and **Jerry Sags** shot up the ratings when they attacked **Rick** and **Scott Steiner** in October ... **Jim Garvin** and **Michael Hayes** have angered fans with their claim that they're "the greatest rock 'n' roll band" ever ... **Paul Roma** and **Hercules** are becoming contenders over a trail of broken bodies ... **Pat Tanaka** and **Akio Sato** are managed by the devious **Mr. Fuji** ... **Fatu** and **The Samoan Savage** continue to ignore the rulebook during their wild matches.

That's all for now! Care to comment on our ratings policies or our Most Hated team ratings? Address your letters to: "Ratings Analysis," c/o *Pro Wrestling Illustrated,* Box 48, Rockville Centre, NY 11571. □

THE YEAR IN REVIEW 1990

Section compiled by Craig Peters and Bob Smith

1990 was a year of excitement, a year of surprise, and—most importantly—a year of change: During the past 12 months, both the WWF and the NWA saw new singles and tag team champions crowned. It will also be remembered as a year when the sport's most popular wrestler was knocked out of his lofty position of power—both literally and figuratively.

That remarkable achievement took place in the WWF, where the young, powerful Ultimate Warrior pinned two-time World titleholder Hulk Hogan to become the new WWF World champion at WrestleMania VI on April 1 in Toronto. For Hogan, who had been the federation's dominant figure since 1984, it was a crushing blow, but not quite as bad as the one that would be delivered to him by Earthquake on May 15 in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

After being injured in a sneak-attack by Earthquake, Hogan was forced out of action for three months—and WWF attendance suffered drastically. Although he was no longer World champion, Hogan had again proved he was the most popular man in the sport, as cards featuring Hogan following his August return significantly outdrew all other WWF events.

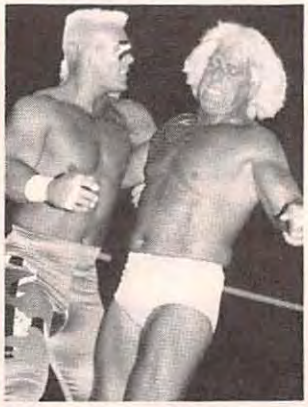
Attendance was also down a bit in the NWA, but the Ted Turner-owned federation was bolstered by popular Sting's victory over Ric Flair for the NWA World title on July 7 in Baltimore. And even when regular arena crowds sagged, pay-per-view events such as Capital Combat and Halloween Havoc proved vastly popular. Likewise, the WWF's pay-per-events did good-to-excellent business, spearheaded by WrestleMania VI's estimated $16-million PPV gross, which made it the top moneymaker of the year.

It was a topsy-turvy year for the smaller federations. Fan interest in the AWA was way down, and times became so hard that the 30-year-old federation presented few cards during the second half of the year. A year after being absorbed by the USWA, World Class broke free again, becoming a separate entity in Texas. And the independent scene continued to thrive, as new organizations such as the Universal Wrestling Federation and the Tri-State Wrestling Alliance sparked fan excitement.

What will happen during the coming year? Will more young stars rise to power? Will any of the smaller organizations present a stern challenge to the "Big Two"? 1991 will bring the answers to those and many other questions.

Meanwhile, fans around the world will long remember the moments that made 1990 an important year for the sport:

1990 SAW Larry Zbyszko drop the AWA World title to 25-year veteran Mr. Saito on February 10 in Japan, but the "Living Legend" regained the belt from the Oriental master on April 8 in St. Paul, Minnesota. The biggest AWA story, however, was the $1-million Team Challenge Series, which was won in August by a squad captained by Zbyszko. And 1991 could be the most crucial year yet for the AWA, as the past 12 months were marked by few cards and significantly lessened fan interest.



1990 SAW the end of an era as six-time NWA World champion Ric Flair was dethroned by Sting on July 7. Sting's victory was all the more remarkable since he suffered a ruptured left patella tendon on February 6, which forced him out of action for five months. However, the young Californian would not be denied. He battled back strongly not only to upset Flair for the belt, but to defend it in subsequent months against Flair, Sid Vicious, Black Scorpion, and others.

1990 SAW The Ultimate Warrior become WWF World champion by defeating Hulk Hogan at WrestleMania VI on April 1. The new champion found he had big shoes to fill, as he spent most of the year living in the shadow of the former champion—particularly after WWF President Jack Tunney announced he would not sanction a rematch. Without having to defend against Hogan, Warrior went on to dominate the WWF, scoring title victories over Randy Savage, Rick Rude, and Ted DiBiase.

1990 SAW the passing of four true legends. Pat O'Connor was NWA World champion from 1959 through 1961 and a respected scientific wrestler. "Whipper" Billy Watson (pictured) was a two-time NWA World champion and one of the fastest men in the sport's history. Bronko Nagurski was not only a two-time NWA champ, but a legend of the gridiron as well. And Little Beaver was one of the greatest midget competitors of all time.

1990 SAW ALL OF THIS—AND MUCH, MUCH MORE . . .

1990 THE YEAR IN REVIEW

THE REAL TRAGEDY IS THAT, THROUGH IT ALL, HE NEVER HAD THE TIME TO FIGURE OUT WHO KILLED LAURA PALMER

It was a bittersweet year of tragedy and triumph for Sting, who . . .

was inducted as an official member of The Four Horsemen on January 2 in Gainesville, Georgia, then . . .

unceremoniously kicked out of the group on February 6 at Clash of the Champions X in Corpus Christi, Texas, and, later that night . . .

suffered a ruptured left patella tendon that threatened to put him out of the sport completely, but, fortunately, was able to be treated . . .

through surgery and physical therapy, and though he remained out of action until the summer, he did appear at ringside . . .

on April 23 in Marietta, Georgia, and was attacked by The Four Horsemen once again, capping off several months of pain and agony that were finally avenged on July 7 . . .

when he captured the NWA World title from Ric Flair at the Great American Bash in Baltimore, a victory that immediately made him the target . . .

of a variety of Black Scorpions, two of which appeared at the September 5 Clash of the Champions XII and began a protracted psychological war that, incredibly enough, seemed like child's play . . .

when compared with the elaborate hoax to capture the World title orchestrated by The Four Horsemen on October 27 at Halloween Havoc that utilized Barry Windham as a Sting impostor who was pinned by Sid Vicious, who was pinned by the real Sting only moments after the hoax was revealed.

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YES THEY DO!

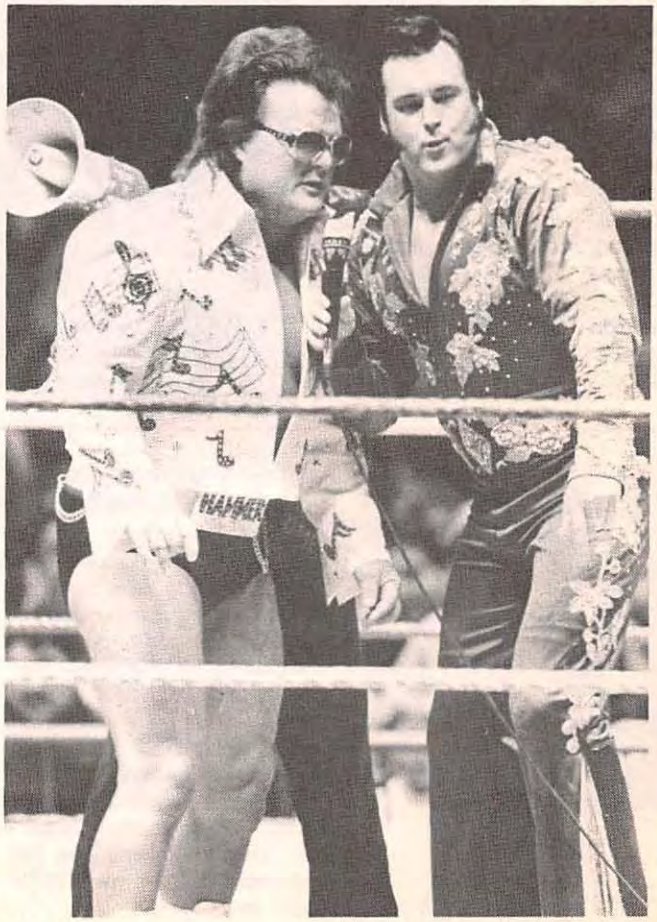
Woman mismanaged Doom—the masked duo of Butch Reed and Ron Simmons—through late-January. After she dropped their contract, Doom hooked up with Teddy Long and immediately began to enjoy a run of success that took them to the NWA World tag team title in May. Woman continued a relationship with The Four Horsemen until she was banned from the NWA for trying to smuggle a foreign object into the ring for the Ric Flair-Lex Luger cage match at "Capital Combat '90" on May 19 in Washington, D.C. "The NWA would have to beg me to come back," she said in the January 1991 edition of *The Wrestler*, adding that "those NWA fools don't know what they're missing."

HULKAMANIA LIVES ON!

This past year saw Hulk Hogan suffer the worst injury of his career, and it looked as if the "Hulkster" would finally call it quits. Hogan was attacked by 462-pound Earthquake during an interview with Brother Love on May 15 in La Crosse, Wisconsin, and suffered severe sternum and rib injuries after being the victim of three massive "earthquake" splashes. Hogan reportedly became severely depressed during his recovery, prompting his friend, Tugboat, to launch a letter-writing campaign of support. According to reports, Hogan received more than 250,000 get-well wishes. Naturally, Hogan responded to his fans, and returned to action with a countout victory over the burly Canadian at SummerSlam '90 on August 27.

"GRRGL MUMMPH ELT MBT, URGGH ARDL, FRRGH UM BRBBLE GRD EGGLMPH!"

THE OLD KIDS ON THE BLOCK



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NUMBERS '90

$14.95 was the average price charged by cable television systems for NWA pay-per-view events during the year (the price was raised to $19.95 for Halloween Havoc '90).

$100 offered in April by Scotty the Body to any person who could beat him in an arm-wrestling contest. Scotty quickly beat one fan at the Portland Sports Arena, then asked for another challenger. The next challenger was Roddy Piper, who beat Scotty with ease, took the money, gave it to ringside fans, then fled the arena.

$5,000 bounty placed on Steve Doll in June by The Grappler.

$10,000 bounty placed on Bill Dundee in June by "Dirty White Boy" Tony Anthony.

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$300,000 in advance tickets sales for WrestleMania VII achieved just one week after WrestleMania VI.

$500,000 in advance orders for WWF trading cards reported in March by Score Board Inc., a distributor of baseball cards and sports memorabilia.

$1,000,000 won by Larry Zbyszko's Larry's Legends squad in the AWA's Team Challenge Series. Jake Milliman won a 12-man battle royal on August 11 to win five points for the team and cement the victory. Zbyszko subsequently pocketed the money for himself.

$18,000,000 in estimated gross receipts collected by the WWF for WrestleMania VI (including live gate, closed-circuit, and pay-per-view).

KO CALHOUN

USWA rulebreakers are finding out that the best way to success is to beat up referee Jerry Calhoun. At least eight times during 1990, the veteran official was knocked out during important matches. Calhoun's hard luck began on January 1, when Jerry Lawler threw King Cobra directly into the hapless aribiter, sending him sprawling to the canvas. Before the year was through, Calhoun was kayoed—intentionally or otherwise—by Jimmy Valiant (twice), Kerry Von Erich, Eddie Gilbert (three times), and Bill Dundee. Calhoun remains one of the sport's finest refs, but we wouldn't blame him if he found a safer line of work . . . like lion-taming.

OUR RESEARCHERS HAVE DETERMINED THAT "SABA SIMBA" IS SWAHILI FOR "I'VE SOLD MY SOUL TO THE WWF CIRCUS FOR A QUICK BUCK"

IF ONLY BROTHER LOVE WOULD TAKE THE HINT

In April, longtime World Class/USWA broadcaster Mark Lowrance (right) was ordained as a Methodist minister and retired from the sport to devote his energies to his ministries. Five months later, former NWA and WWF World tag team champion Tully Blanchard (left) retired from the sport to devote his life to "spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ." (Footnote: In September, Lowrance returned as ring announcer for the revived World Class area.)

HUBBA, HUBBA

NWA broadcaster Missy Hyatt was named "Wrestling's Sexiest Superstar" by the readers of *Wrestling Superstars* magazine.

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MISSING IN ACTION
Archangel
The Beast
The Black Barbarian
Mike Blackhart
Steve Blackman
Jerry Blackwell
Tully Blanchard
Kerry Brown
Taras Bulba
D.I. Bob Carter
Scott Casey
P.Y. Chu-Hi
Dennis Condrey
Wendell Cooley
The Dream Warrior
Paul Ellering
Robbie Ellis
Earthquake Ferris
Bill Francis
Jimmy Jack Funk
Rick Gibson
Mike Graham
Solomon Grundy
Giant Gustav
Gary Hart
Hillbilly Jim
Bobby Jaggers
Ricky Johnson
Roger Kent
Teijho Khan
Master Blaster Iron
Minnesota Wrecking Crew II
Jerry Morrow
Kendo Nagasaki
Nightmare Freddie
Max Pain
Zan Panzer
The Pearl
The Punisher
Jeff Raitz
Dirty Rhodes
Wendi Richter
Nelson Royal
Rick Rude
Buzz Sawyer
Kim Schau
Shaun Simpson
Mitch Snow
Doug Somers
Ralph Strangis
John Studd
Bill Tabb
Tessa
Ron Trongard
Soldat Ustinov
Johnny Valiant
Brian Walsh
Zodiac II

THE BLONDE AMBITION TOUR

It was a true battle of the beauties as Toni Adams, the wife of USWA star Chris Adams, engaged in a violent feud with Jeannie Clark, Adams' *ex*-wife, throughout the summer and fall. Although the feud began as a war between Adams and his protege, Steve Austin, the current and former spouses soon developed a hatred that surpassed the men's. The feud may not have been the best-wrestled one of the year, but it certainly was easier on the eyes than, say, the Abdullah the Butcher vs. Nick Busick matches in the Georgia All-Star area.

LAND OF THE (LUMBERING) GIANTS

A historic moment took place at the first WWF/All-Japan card on April 13 in Tokyo as two veteran behemoths, 7'5" Andre the Giant and 7-foot Shohei "Giant" Baba, teamed up for the first time, defeating Demolition. Fans watching the match on videotape, however, reported they had a hard time convincing themselves the slo-mo buttons on their VCRs weren't stuck.

DUDES WITH (QUESTIONABLE) ATTITUDES

Tired of interference by The Four Horsemen, several wrestlers, including Sting, Junkyard Dog, Paul Orndorff, Rick and Scott Steiner, and Rocky King, formed The Dudes With Attitudes in June. This contingent was formed to watch each other's backs, but the coalition evaporated a month later. Orndorff was the first to leave the Dudes—and the NWA. "That group had no leadership," said Orndorff in the December 1990 *Sports Review Wrestling* "In my opinion, the Dudes are doomed." Not long after that, King emerged as a valet for the rulebreaking Freebirds.

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"THUNDER" STRUCK

Fans are clamoring to see the American debut of young Jushin "Thunder" Riger, a seven-year veteran who has become one of the most popular wrestlers in Japan. A scientific marvel, Riger displays some of the most incredible aerial tactics ever seen in pro rings, including a backward somersault off the top rope onto his opponent on the ringside floor. Unfortunately, Riger has expressed little interest in competing in the United States thus far.

AND IF THE CITY COUNCILMEN WON'T PASS MY LEGISLATION, I'LL BODYSLAM THEM INTO SUBMISSION

Jesse Ventura was a winner in the wrestling ring, and in 1990 he emerged triumphant in the political arena. On November 6, the former WWF grappler and commentator defeated 18-year incumbent James Krautkremer to become mayor of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, a suburb of Minneapolis. "My slogan is I'm going to give the neighborhoods back to the neighbors," Ventura told *USA Today* in October, adding that "nobody's ever outtalked me on wrestling, and nobody will on politics."

THIS GUY'S *NOT* A LUNATIC?

NEXT: SEE GEORGE STEELE JUGGLE SIX BOWLS OF GOLDFISH WHILE WHISTLING "YANKEE DOODLE DANDY" ON *BEAT THE CLOCK*

The stars of the NWA are not only fine wrestlers, but they're getting to be regulars on the game-show circuit as well. Twice during 1990, a five-man contingent of grapplers made appearances on the syndicated version of the game show *Family Feud*, pitting their mettle against a team of GLOW wrestlers. Both times, the NWA stars won all the games they played. All prize money was donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which grants special wishes for terminally ill children.

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THE RUNDOWN ON THE LAWLER-GILBERT FEUD . . . LITERALLY

It was the most violent moment of the year, and may have been the most outrageous act ever associated with this sport. During the September 1 broadcast of *USWA Championship Wrestling* in Memphis, USWA matchmaker Eddie Marlin suspended Eddie Gilbert and his brother, Doug. Never one to accept punishment, Eddie Gilbert attacked Marlin in the studio parking lot. Jerry Lawler rushed out of the studio to end the skirmish, but Gilbert jumped into his brother's car, raced the motor, and ran it directly into Lawler at high speed! Amazingly, Lawler escaped the incident with a bruised hip. Even more amazingly, Gilbert continues to wrestle in the USWA and was never punished for what can only be described at an out-and-out attempt on Lawler's life.

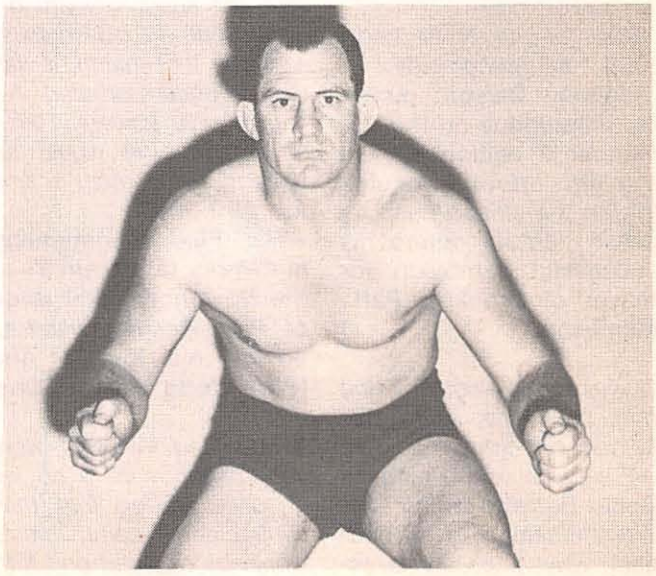
ROBOFLOP

WHICH, NATURALLY, BRINGS TO MIND THE QUESTION: WHATEVER HAPPENED TO CRAZY BOYS 1-31?

The November 5 edition of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated Weekly* contained the following match result for an October 18 card in Juarez, Mexico: "Crazy Boy 32 wrestled Crazy Boy 33 to a double-disqualification."

IN MEMORIUM

Bert Assirati	Gory Guerrero	Mark Tendler
Little Beaver	Bronko Nagurski	Whipper Watson



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QUOTABLES '90

"Ric, maybe you and Arnold Schwarzenegger—Conan the Republican—can get together and bench-press the deficit."

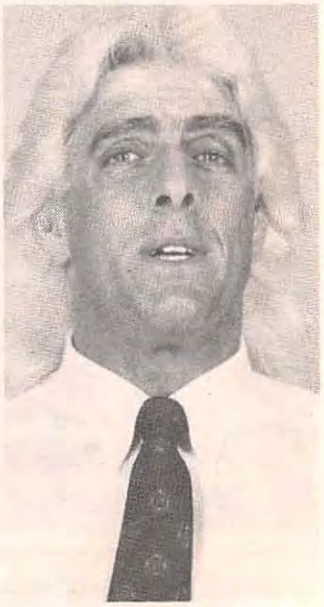
—President George Bush, to NWA World champion Ric Flair, at a June 20 political fundraiser in Charlotte, North Carolina, for North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms

"Vote for me or I'll bodyslam your grandmother!"

—Johnny Carson, during his monologue on the November 8 edition of *The Tonight Show*, speculating on the slogan used by Jesse Ventura during his successful campaign for mayor of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

"I was afraid—not of being hurt, but of not being able to help enough."

—Elizabeth, explaining to Rona Barrett during the WrestleMania VI broadcast why she left wrestling last year



"I will give Sting credit where credit is due. He put up a much better match [at the Great American Bash] than I ever dreamed he would. I kicked away at his left knee, and I thought for sure that I would break it again. But he managed to take just about everything I dished out. If I did anything wrong in that match, it was that I underestimated his recuperative powers. I never dreamed he would be back at 100 percent in time for the Bash."

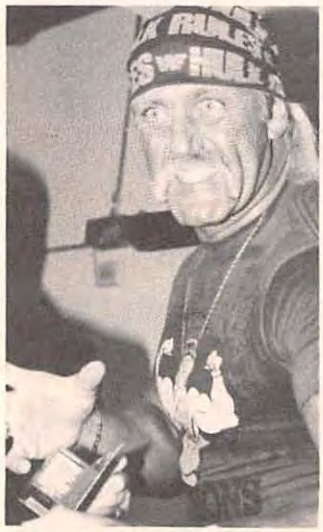
—Ric Flair, commenting in "Press Conference" in the November 1990 issue of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* on his loss of the NWA World title to Sting

"The Road Warriors were very unhappy here so we mutually agreed that their contractual commitments would be dropped and they are free to leave."

—NWA Vice President Jim Herd, regarding Hawk and Animal's move from the NWA to the WWF

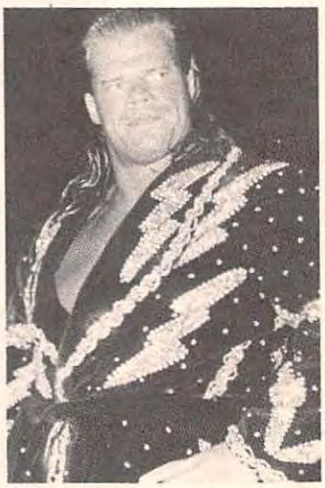
"Are you kiddin', brother? Bodyslam Donald Duck? Drop the leg on Jiminy Cricket? You gotta be crazy, man! My feet are on the ground, brother. Every night, I get to 20-30,000 Hulkamaniacs, brother, and I tell them about trainin', sayin' their prayers, eatin' their vitamins. Are you talkin' about sellin' out to Hollyweird and givin' all this up? You gotta be crazy, man!"

—Hulk Hogan, in an interview aired February 23 on WNBC-TV in New York concerning the possibility that he would leave the WWF and sign a contract with Disney



"The boxing gloves would be like a pair of handcuffs on him. Giving him his due, if I were to box him, he'd probably kill me, 'cause I'm not a boxer. But if you had to wrestle somebody, if somebody gets close enough to hit you, all you got to do is reach out and grab him and then tie him up in a knot. With gloves on, you're pretty much defenseless."

—Hulk Hogan, in the February 12 issue of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated Weekly*, speculating on a wrestler vs. boxer match with former world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson



"They're on a clear path to self-destruction. It's gonna be a pretty thing to see."

—Lex Luger, in the September 1990 edition of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*, commenting on The Four Horsemen

"Back when I was an active wrestler, I doubt that men like [Hulk] Hogan and [The Ultimate] Warrior could have made it to the top the way they have."

—Former NWA and WWF World champion Buddy

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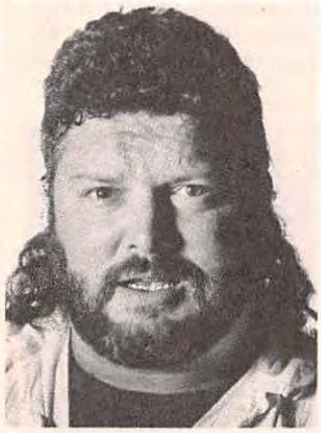
Rogers, in the "Press Conference" interview in the August 1990 edition of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*

"Don't you think he's a little busy right now?"
—NWA broadcaster Jim Ross, responding to Paul E. Dangerously's suggestion on an installment of *NWA Power Hour* that The Black Scorpion is really Saddam Hussein

"I was never comfortable being The Red Rooster, because that's not me. I spent nine years trying to make the name of Terry Taylor mean something, and then, on somebody else's recommendation, I went ahead and let them kill Terry Taylor. For lack of a better term, I let them make a bird out of me. It's very hard to take a bird seriously, even in the WWF."
—Terry Taylor, in the "Hotseat" interview in the August 1990 edition of *Inside Wrestling*

"If you want to believe the load of crap that [Nikolai] Volkoff is doling out, that's your problem. He's still a Russian, right? That means he's cut from the same communist cloth that he's always been, and that also means he's trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the fans and promoters. I'm not buying it for a minute."
—Sgt. Slaughter, in the "Hotseat" interview in the November 1990 edition of *Inside Wrestling*

"If this is a dream, don't wake me!"
—Sting, after pinning Ric Flair for the NWA World title at the July 7 Great American Bash in Baltimore



"Maybe you just don't know how important this whole situation is. I just came from being with the 'Hulkster,' and he's like I've never seen him before. He's down, man. He's ready to give this up, he's ready to throw it all away—the end of Hulkamania. We can't let this happen!"
—Tugboat, in his June appeal to the fans to support Hulk Hogan, who was hospitalized after being attacked by Earthquake

"Unquestionably, this is the greatest main event ever signed in World Wrestling Federation history."
—WWF President Jack Tunney announcing the Hulk Hogan-Ultimate Warrior match at WrestleMania VI

"I cannot in clear conscience allow these two men to once again batter each other beyond the point of exhaustion, past the threshold of pain, and at the expense of risking torturous injury. Therefore, I will not sanction a rematch in the near future. I will leave both men to pursue their own separate destinies."
—WWF President Jack Tunney on his refusal to sanction a Hulk Hogan-Ultimate Warrior rematch

"We all know what happens when you tamper with Mother Nature. Wrestlers know the risks before they enter the ring. The way I see it, the best way to silence the 'Quake is by dishing out the same type of punishment."
—WWF President Jack Tunney, quoted in *The Toronto Sun*, concerning the possibility of banning Earthquake's crushing "earthquake"

"For it is written, Hulk Hogan, that the Warrior would come, and you have stood in the pathway. The deeper I went to the darkness, the closer I came to the light. And in that light, Hulk Hogan, there was a shadow. A man that had walls—walls in himself—not willing to give it all. Hulk Hogan, I am reality. I am the frustration that your mankind has swept under the carpet for years."
—The Ultimate Warrior, shortly before his WrestleMania VI confrontation with Hulk Hogan

"I taught The Ultimate Warrior everything he knows."
—Kerry Von Erich, in the "Press Conference" interview in the December 1990 edition of *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*

"I'm going to Larryland!"
—Larry Zbyszko, moments after regaining the AWA World title from Mr. Saito on April 8 in St. Paul, Minnesota

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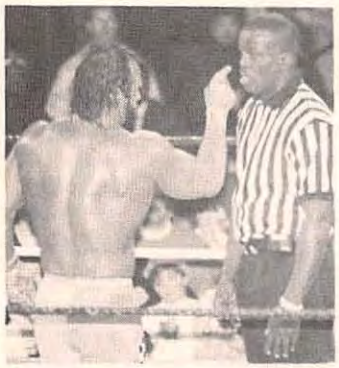


MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE YOU REALLY CAN'T FEAR ANYBODY NAMED "BUSTER"

In late-January, rumors began to circulate concerning a Hulk Hogan-Mike Tyson wrestler vs. boxer match, bolstered by the fact that Tyson was scheduled to referee a Hogan-Randy Savage match on February 23 as part of a prime-time NBC network WWF wrestling special. All talk of Hogan-Tyson was kayoed, however, when Buster Douglas put Tyson down for the count at 1:23 of round 10 on February 11 in Tokyo. The sound of "Hogan-Douglas" wasn't so appealing. But Douglas did referee the Hogan-Savage bout—and kayoed the "Macho King" after a postmatch argument. It might have been the last kayo of his career.

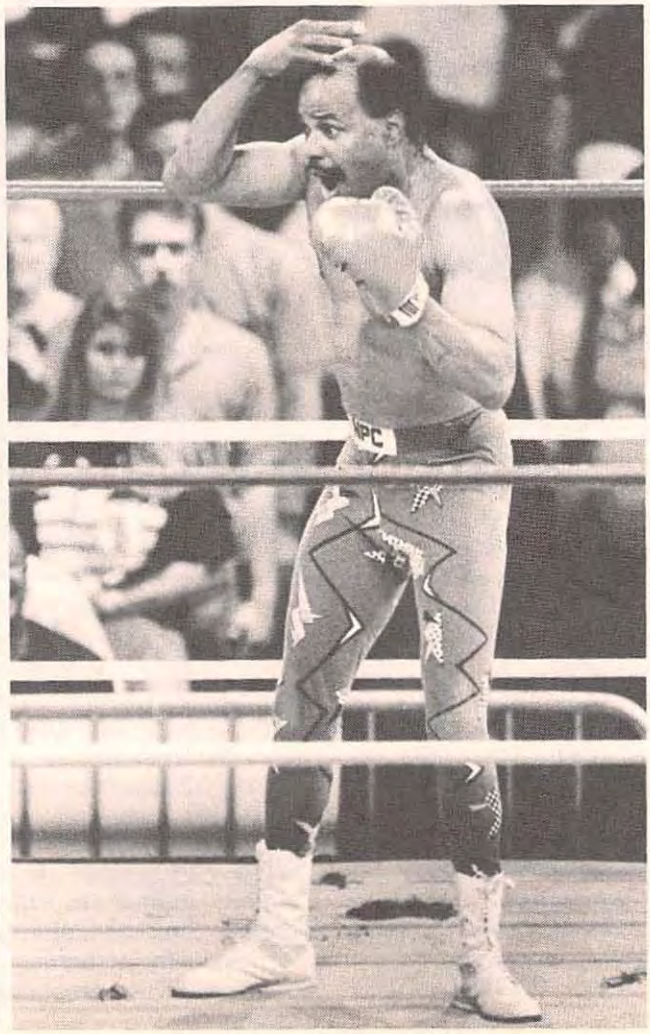
INDEPENDENTS' DAY

Arena attendance for the WWF and NWA may be down of late, but the independent wrestling scene is healthier than ever—if you consider the establishment of new federations to be the best measure of fitness. Indeed, 1990 saw an explosion of independent wrestling, including the formation of the following groups:

- Atlantic States Wrestling Alliance, based in Pennsylvania. Promotional territory: Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia.
- Citrus Championship Wrestling, based in Florida. Promotional territory: Florida.
- Five Star Wrestling Promotions, based in Louisiana. Promotional territory: Louisiana and Oklahoma.
- Southern Wrestling Council, based in Florida. Promotional territory: Florida.
- Texas Wrestling Federation, based in Texas. Promotional territory: Texas.
- Tri-State Wrestling Association, based in Philadelphia. Promotional territory: Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware.
- Universal Championship Wrestling, based in Kansas. Promotional territory: Kansas.
- Universal Wrestling Federation, based in California. Promotional territory: nationwide syndicated television.
- Western Ohio Wrestling, based in Ohio. Promotional territory: Ohio.
- Western Wrestling Alliance, based in Texas. Promotional territory: western United States.

BUT THERE'S NO HAIR THERE!

One of the silliest bouts of the year took place at Capital Combat '90 on May 19 in Washington, D.C. That's when balding manager Teddy Long took on Paul Ellering, who sported a crewcut at best, in a hair vs. hair boxing match! Ellering won the bout handily, which forced Long to part with what few precious strands he had left.



NOW YOU SEE HIM . . .
Rick Rude was prominent in the WWF this year as he waged a major campaign against WWF World champion The Ultimate Warrior.

. . . NOW YOU DON'T!
Rick Rude left the WWF after being suspended indefinitely by WWF President Jack Tunney due to remarks Rude made about Big Bossman's mother.

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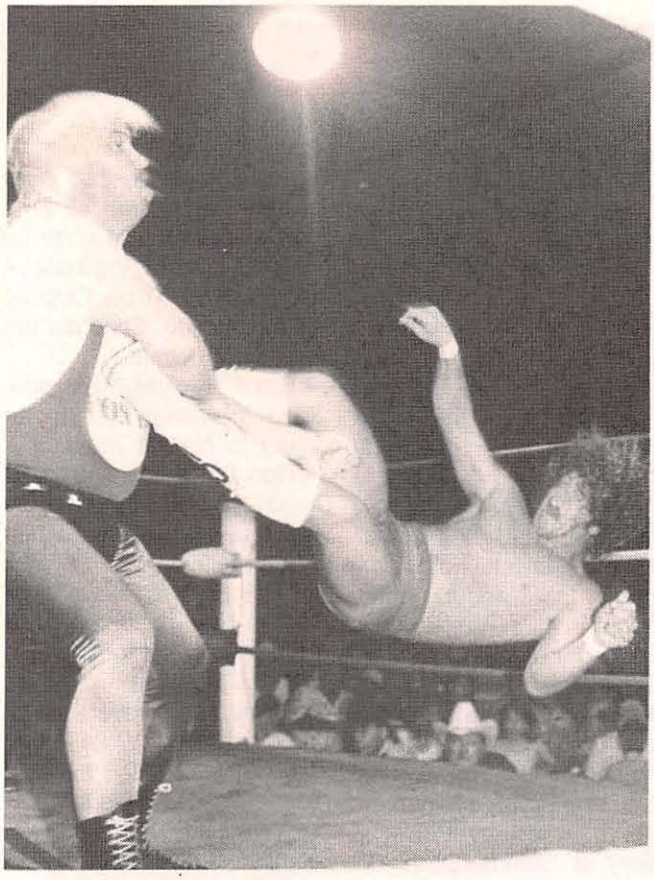
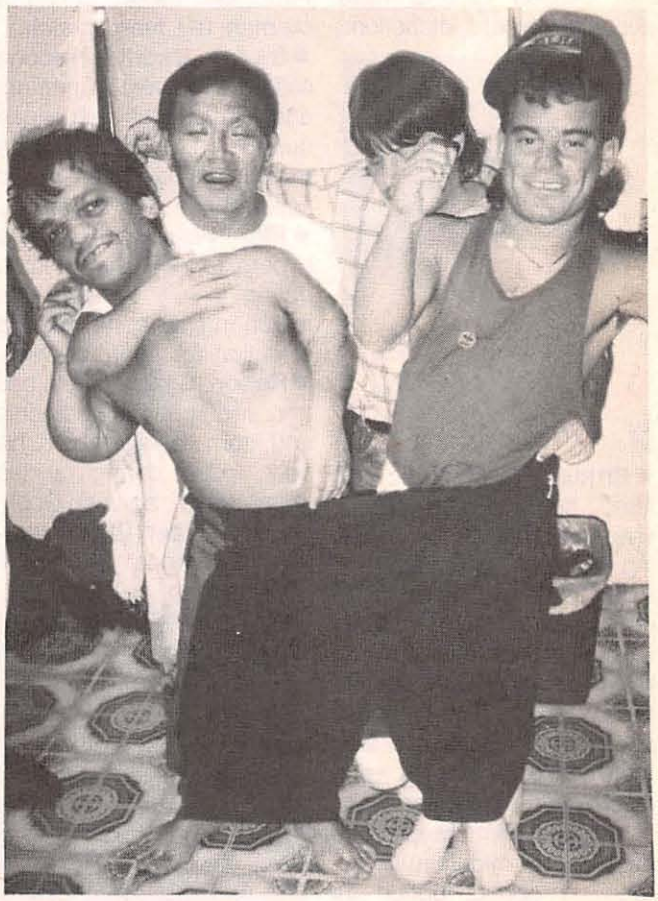


THE KID COMES UP SHORT

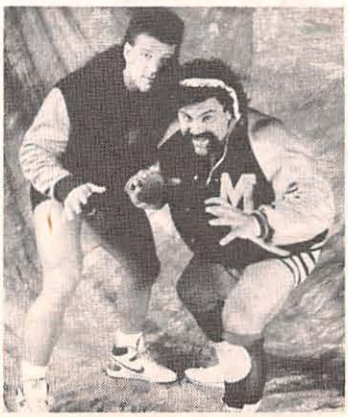
It was a long-anticipated moment as 20-year-old Chris Von Erich made his pro wrestling debut, pinning Percy Pringle on June 22 at the Sportatorium in Dallas. However, at 5'7" with a body weight of under 200 pounds, Von Erich quickly found he was too small to take on competitors much more skilled—or sizable—than Pringle. Chris has competed sparingly since his debut, usually in mixed tag team bouts.

FINALLY, AN ANSWER TO THAT AGE-OLD QUESTION: HOW MANY MIDGET WRESTLERS DOES IT TAKE TO FILL ABDULLAH THE BUTCHER'S PANTS?

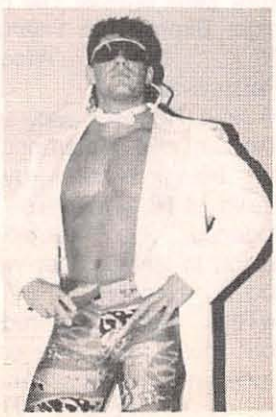
The answer is four, and this photo of Killer Cruz, Little Tokyo, Cowboy Cottrell, and The Karate Kid offers proof. Moments after this photo was taken, the midgets scampered for their lives as an angry Abby made his way out of the shower.



1991 SHOULD BE THEIR YEAR

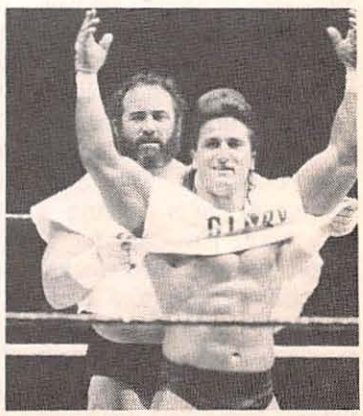


Rick & Scott Steiner



Scotty the Body

The Juicer



Power & Glory

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● **Arn Anderson** suffered a herniated disk in February that caused him to miss about six weeks of action.

● **Brutus Beefcake** suffered massive and extensive facial injuries in a boating accident on July 4 in Florida. He underwent 8½ hours of surgery, during which his hair was cut entirely, his skin was peeled back, and eight steel plates, 40 screws, and more than 100 staples were inserted into his head.

● **Wayne Bloom** was operated on in mid-January to repair a ripped tendon in the right knee that he suffered during a December 1989 tour of Japan; he was sidelined for about four weeks.

● **Paul Drake**, a preliminary wrestler, suffered several cuts and a crushed nose after being hit with Stan Hansen's "lariat" during a May bout. He was out of action for about two weeks.

● **Bobby Eaton** tore cartilage in his right knee during a November 5 match against Sting in Atlanta; he missed about two weeks of action.

● **Mike Enos** fractured his shoulder on May 5 in St. Paul, Minnesota, during a six-man tag team match.

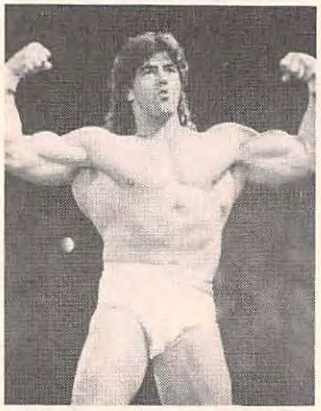
● **Sweet Daddy Falcone** suffered severe ligament damage to his left knee during an August USWA match. He has been out of action since that time.

● **Ric Flair** suffered a hyperextended right knee during a July 13 tag team match in Dallas; he was out of action for about a week.

● **Robert Gibson** sustained torn and sprained ligaments and torn cartilage in his right knee during a tag team match against Doom on September 22 in Jacksonville, Florida.

● **Jerry Lawler** suffered a bruised right hip on September 1 in Memphis when he was hit by a car being driven by Eddie Gilbert.

● **Lex Luger** missed about two weeks of action after suffering a staph infection in his right knee in May. He returned to wrestle Ric Flair at Capital Combat '90 on May 19, but had to be hospitalized again after that match. He returned to action about a week later.



● **Rick Martel** was sidelined for about three months after suffering a pinched nerve in his right arm in July.

● **Shawn Michaels** severely injured his knee during the summer, a problem that was exacerbated when he was attacked by Power & Glory at SummerSlam '90. He was out of action for about six weeks.

● **Brian Pillman** sustained a bruised larynx after Bobby Eaton dove off the top turnbuckle onto his neck—on top of which Jim Cornette had placed his tennis racket—during a tag team match pitting Pillman and Tom Zenk against The Midnight Express on February 28 in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

● **Jake Roberts** was sidelined in mid-September after being blinded by a squirt of Rick Martel's "Arrogance." He returned to action in late-October wearing an eyepatch.

● **Rick Rude** suffered a torn tricep muscle in early-June and missed several title bouts against WWF World champion The Ultimate Warrior.

● **Jerry Sags** needed eight stiches in his head after he was blasted with a chair by Scott Steiner during Halloween Havoc '90 on October 27 in Chicago. Sags did not miss any action.

● **Buzz Sawyer** was sidelined in March due to an injury to his left hand.

● **Ron Simmons** was sidelined on September 29 in Nassau, Bahamas, when Robert Gibson of The Rock 'n' Roll Express dropkicked him in the mouth and two front teeth were pushed up into the gumline.

● **Snowman** severely injured a knee while lifting weights in August; he subsequently relinquished his USWA title. He has not competed since that time.

● **Scott Steiner** suffered stretched ligaments in his left arm following a series of attacks by Ole and Arn Anderson, the first of which occurred at the February 25 Wrestle War card.

● **Tugboat** suffered several crushed ribs after he was splashed by Earthquake on July 16 in Omaha, Nebraska. He was forced to pull out of his position as Hulk Hogan's backup during a match against Earthquake at SummerSlam '90 on August 27.

● **Barry Windham** suffered a broken bone in his left foot during a match against Lex Luger on August 28 in Macon, Georgia; the next night in Rome, Georgia, he wrestled with the injury and suffered a hyperextended left knee.

The ballots have been cast and counted, and the results are in. Wrestling's experts—you, the fans—have spoken. Winners have been chosen in 10 important categories. On the pages that follow, we proudly present your choices for the *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* Achievement '90 awards!

WHEN WRESTLING HISTORIANS look back at 1990, it will surely be remembered as a year of transition. It was a period when new stars started to take over the positions of power that were once the exclusive stronghold of veteran competitors. In 1989, Ric Flair ruled the NWA; now Sting reigns as World champion. Likewise, Hulk Hogan continued his dominance over the WWF in '89, but a younger man named The Ultimate Warrior blazed a path to glory this year.

These changes were among those reflected by your votes in the *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* Achievement '90 awards. Nearly 70,000 votes, a slight increase from the '89 balloting, had been received by the December 1 deadline. Collectively, these results give the best indication of what is going on in our sport and how it affects fans everywhere.

Your ballots made it clear that the sport is no longer dominated by the superstars of years past. Indeed, there were new faces in several categories, including Wrestler of the Year and Inspirational Wrestler of the Year (Sting), Tag Team of the Year (Rick and Scott Steiner), Most Hated (Earthquake), and Manager of the Year (Teddy Long).

This does not mean that voters were ready to write off the veterans quite yet. A big victory was scored by Hogan (Most Popular), whose World title loss to Ultimate Warrior was also the Match of the Year. Flair, who dominated the NWA in the '80s, was also not forgotten, as his lengthy series of battles against Lex Luger was the winner in our Feud of the Year category.

As usual, the NWA and WWF dominated the 10 categories (the Editor's Award is chosen by the staff of *PWI*). This year these federations took nine of the 10 available awards, the highest number ever. This indicates that the two major federations are on the minds of fans even more than in years past. However, the smaller leagues were not ignored by the fans; just look at the names in the ranks of the runners-up.

In 1989, no single category reached the magic 20,000-vote total, but this year it happened twice, and both results far surpassed that number. The Ultimate Warrior's victory over Hulk Hogan was Match of the Year, amassing a whopping 24,180 votes—the highest total ever compiled for any category (previously, the highest total was the 1983 Match of the Year between Ric Flair and Harley Race, which captured 21,817 votes). Also, Sting notched 22,947 votes in becoming the clear winner of our Inspirational Wrestler award.

The closest race was in the Most Improved category, where Power & Glory's Paul Roma edged out NWA World tag team champions Doom by only 531 votes. Another very close race was waged in the Manager of the Year contest, where Teddy Long received only 1,065 more votes than first runner-up Bobby Heenan, last year's winner. The Rookie of the Year category, won by Steve Austin, brought in the most votes for others (28,972), proving there are dozens of young stars who will be vying for these awards in the years to come.

There were decisive victories in four categories, led by Sting's amazing 7,653 vote margin over first runner-up Hulk Hogan in the Inspirational category. The Hogan-Warrior Match of the Year overshadowed Sting's July 7 victory over Ric Flair by a whopping 5,944 votes. And in the Most Popular and Tag Team categories, Hulk Hogan and Rick and Scott Steiner outlasted their first runners-up by more than 3,000 votes each.

These awards are a testament to you, the fans, whose opinions are the only true barometer of who the real stars of this sport truly are. This year's awards are important not only for today, but in the years to come when they will shape the careers of the grapplers who have won them.

Join us now in honoring the winners of the *Pro Wrestling Illustrated* Achievement '90 awards.

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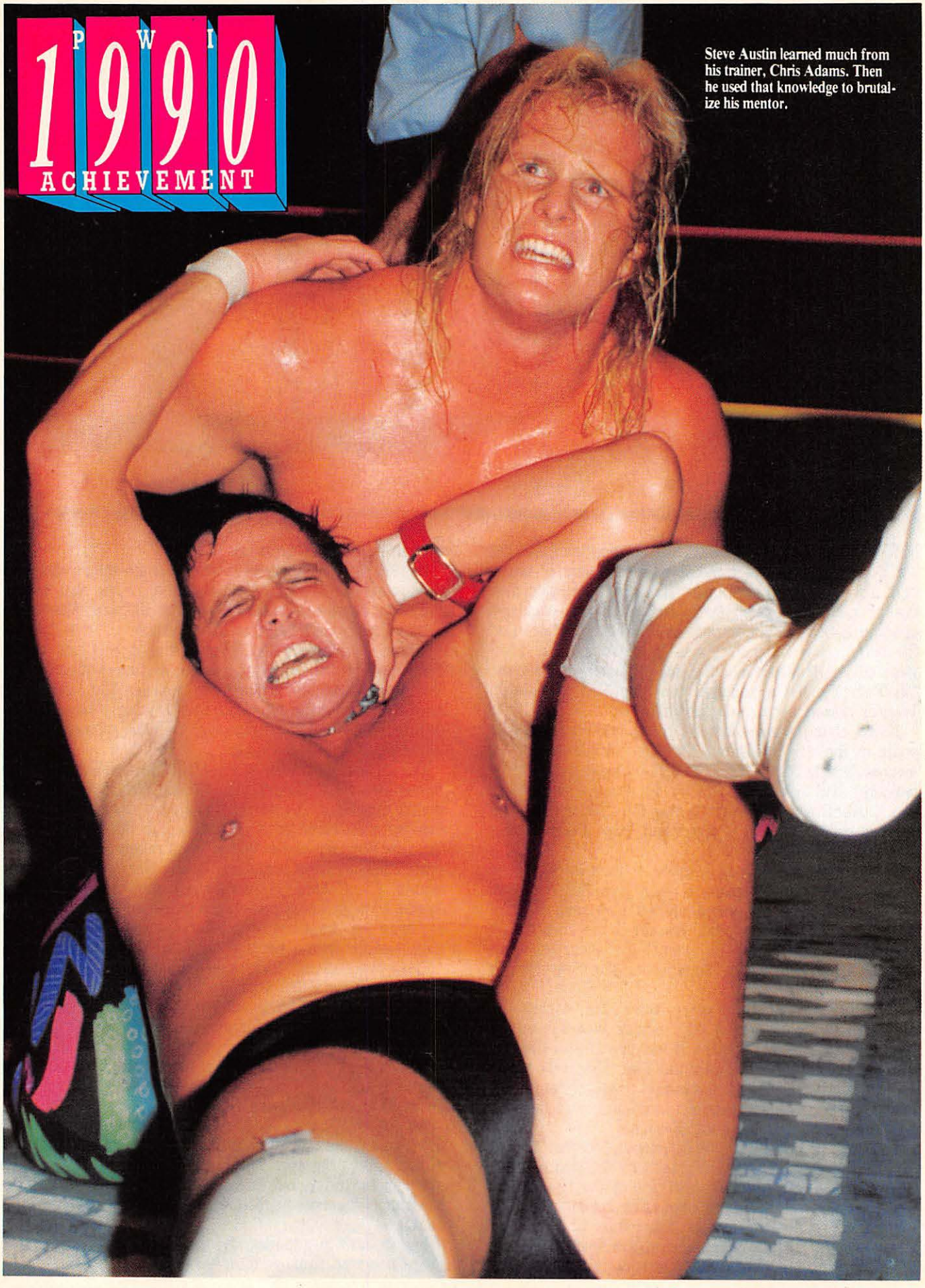


Steve Austin learned much from his trainer, Chris Adams. Then he used that knowledge to brutalize his mentor.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

STEVE AUSTIN
15,296 votes

IT'S RARE THAT a rookie can enter a federation and immediately become a household name, but that's exactly what young Steve Austin did in the USWA in 1990. When the year began, Austin was known as Steve Williams, the highly touted first graduate of Chris Adams' wrestling school. For a brief time Williams teamed with his mentor, but before long he changed his name to Austin and moved out on his own.

He also lashed out at Adams, lusting to prove he was a better wrestler than his trainer. Austin scored several victories over the 13-year veteran, but it wasn't enough for him simply to defeat Adams. Like Larry Zbyszko did to Bruno Sammartino in 1980, Austin wanted to humiliate his former trainer in order to make his mark on the sport.

Austin came up with a brilliant plan directed at Adams' psyche. He hired Adams' ex-wife, Jeannie Clark, as his new manager. The Austin-Clark tandem quickly became the most hated duo in Texas as they brutally double-teamed Adams on several occasions. Adams' current wife, Toni, was drawn into the fray, leading to some of the most violent mixed tag matches the sport has ever seen.

Although the feud ended without a decisive winner, Austin displayed skills that even a veteran would be proud to own. It was clear that Adams had taught Austin a wealth of on-the-mat maneuvers, while the Dallas native's rapidly advancing aerial tactics made him a double threat.

"I can't stand the guy, but I can't deny that Austin is an incredible natural athlete," said Ralph Wallace of Ft. Worth, Texas. "It really was amazing to watch him match Adams hold for hold. There's no doubt in my mind that Texas fans are seeing a future champion in action."

"Austin more than held his own with Adams," wrote Dan Kramer of Dallas. "But even more impressive is that at such a young age, he has a full understanding of the psychological aspects of combat. By springing Jeannie on Adams, Austin really had the war won before it even started."

RUNNERS-UP

EL GIGANTE
13,382 votes

First runner-up: There's no denying this 7'7" former basketball star from Argentina has the potential to be a major drawing card. The amiable giant started his career slowly, battling mainly preliminary opposition. However, Gigante is already one of the NWA's most popular men, thanks to his charter membership in The Dudes With Attitudes.

BRAD ANDERSON
5,926 votes

Second runner-up: The son of Gene Anderson has vowed to someday be a member of The Four Horsemen, and he seems well on his way to achieving that lofty goal. Brad has had tremendous success in the Pacific Northwest, using cunning rulebreaking to emerge as a top contender for the PNW title after only a few months in the federation.

CHRIS CHAVIS
2,168 votes

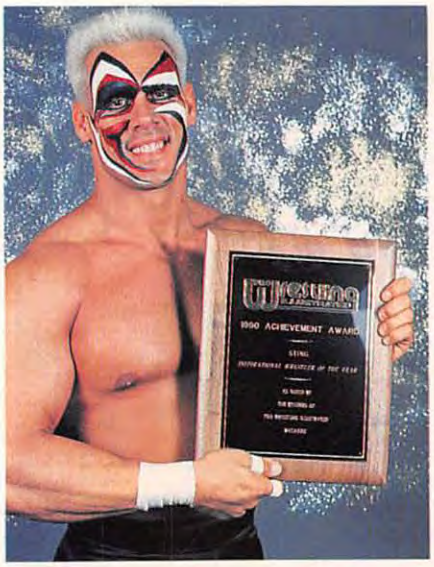
Third runner-up: Trained by Larry Sharpe, Chavis is ready to make his mark. He had his first pro match in January, and has already become one of the most feared competitors in the South Atlantic Pro Wrestling area. This perfectly proportioned 6'1", 260-pounder has used his football background and Indian heritage to form a style that is uniquely his own.

VOTES FOR OTHERS (28,972)

Some of the top vote-getters who did not capture a runner-up spot include Chris Von Erich, The Tasmanian Devil, Shelly Francis, Steve Sawyer, and Billy Black.

INSPIRATIONAL WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

STING
22,947 votes



WHEN THE FINAL tabulations were made for the Achievement '90 voting, Sting's victory in the Inspirational Wrestler of the Year category was by the widest margin of any of the 10 categories: nearly 7,700 votes!

Such a decisive win comes as no surprise. Sting was nearly crippled for life by The Four Horsemen on February 6. The ruptured left patella tendon he suffered required extensive surgery and physical therapy.

Initial reports led to fears that Sting would never return to the sport at all; optimistic estimates at the time said he'd be able to return to the ring in about eight months, but would never be the same.

Sting made an appearance at ringside on April 23 in Georgia and was attacked by the Horsemen again. Fortunately, the Horsemen failed in their attempt to reinjure the knee.

On July 7, Sting channeled all his anger, frustration, and fan support into one of the most stirring title victories the sport has ever known: He captured the NWA World championship from Ric Flair at the Great American Bash in Baltimore. And since then, he has wrestled superbly, showing very few lingering effects of his surgery and rehabilitation.

"Sting is an amazing man and an amazing World champion," said Debbie Spring of Philadelphia. "Anybody who can fight back against the odds like he did—and I mean physical odds with his injury, mental odds because of the injury, and four-on-one odds because of the Horsemen—well, he's certainly an example for everyone to look up to and admire."

"You have to give Sting his due," wrote John Betts of Dallas, "he did it all. And remember: Ric Flair was almost crippled in a plane crash early in his career, and he came back to win six NWA world titles and rule the sport in the '80s. There's no question in my mind that Sting will definitely rule the '90s in the same way."

One year of the decade is past, and he's well on his way.

RUNNERS-UP

HULK HOGAN
15,294 votes

First runner-up: In a sport where wide-reaching changes happen almost daily, the spirit of "Hulkamania" seems a constant. "You can't beat his philosophy of say your prayers, take your vitamins, and keep healthy," wrote Barbara Monarch of Baltimore. "My kids look up to it, and I'm glad." And his campaign against Earthquake wasn't too shabby, either!

JERRY LAWLER
7,239 votes

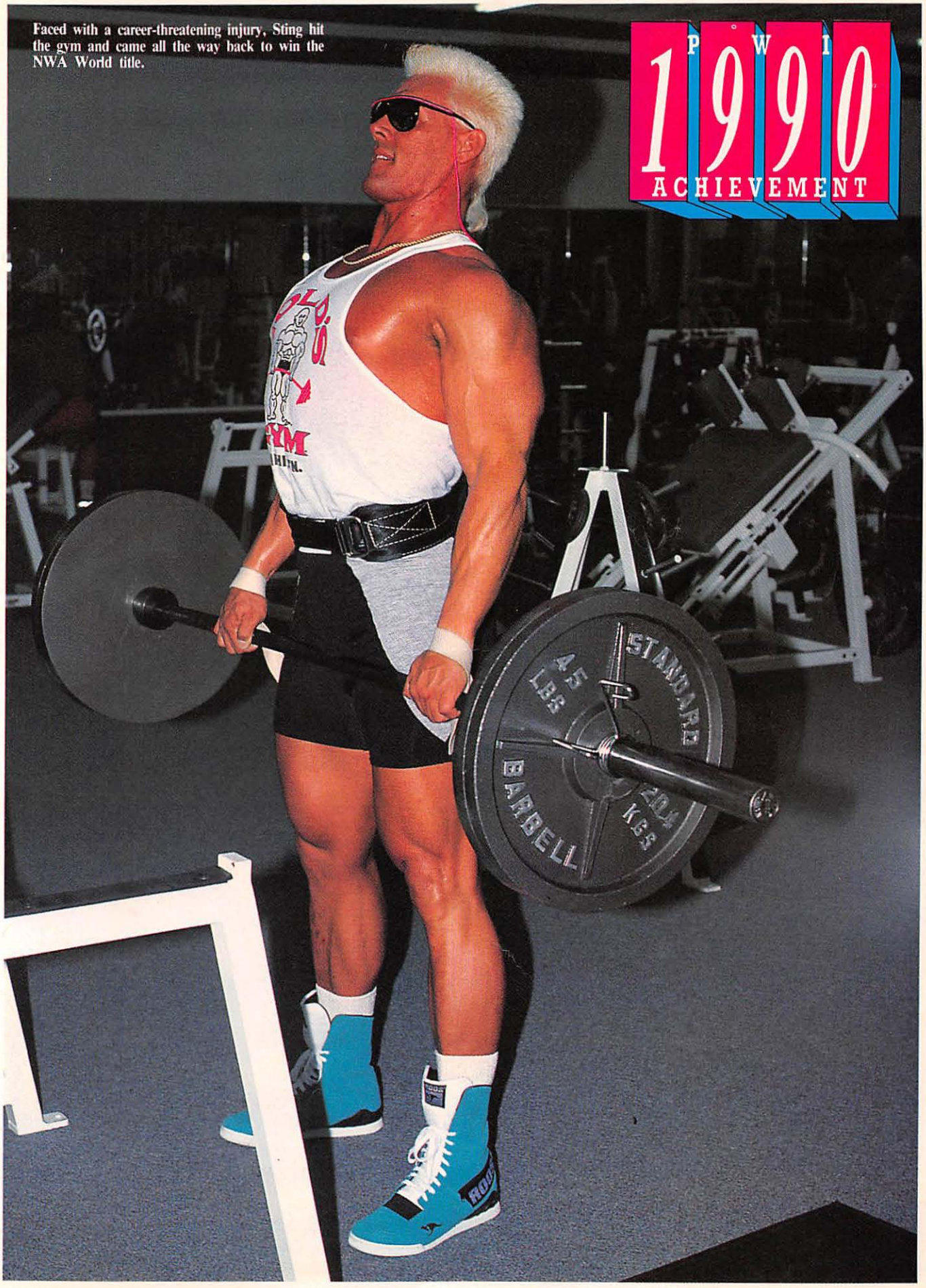
Second runner-up: Last year, Lawler was one of the most hated men in the sport, having succeeded in ostracizing himself from the Memphis fans. Now he's forsaken his rulebreaking ways and dedicated himself to speaking out on the evils of drugs and alcohol. "It's great to see 'The King' back to his old, true self," said Bob Marks of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

NIKOLAI VOLKOFF
4,714 votes

Third runner-up: We thought we'd never see it, and clearly many of you thought you'd never see it, either. But you love it! Nikolai Volkoff is being cheered! "In this age of *glasnost* and the crumbling of international walls, it's good to see Volkoff embrace American ideals," said Tony Farris of Denver. "We all owe him our support."

VOTES FOR OTHERS (19,824)

Some of the top vote-getters who did not capture a runner-up spot include: Hacksaw Duggan, Big Bossman, Norman, Jeff Jarrett, and Brutus Beefcake.



Faced with a career-threatening injury, Sting hit the gym and came all the way back to win the NWA World title.

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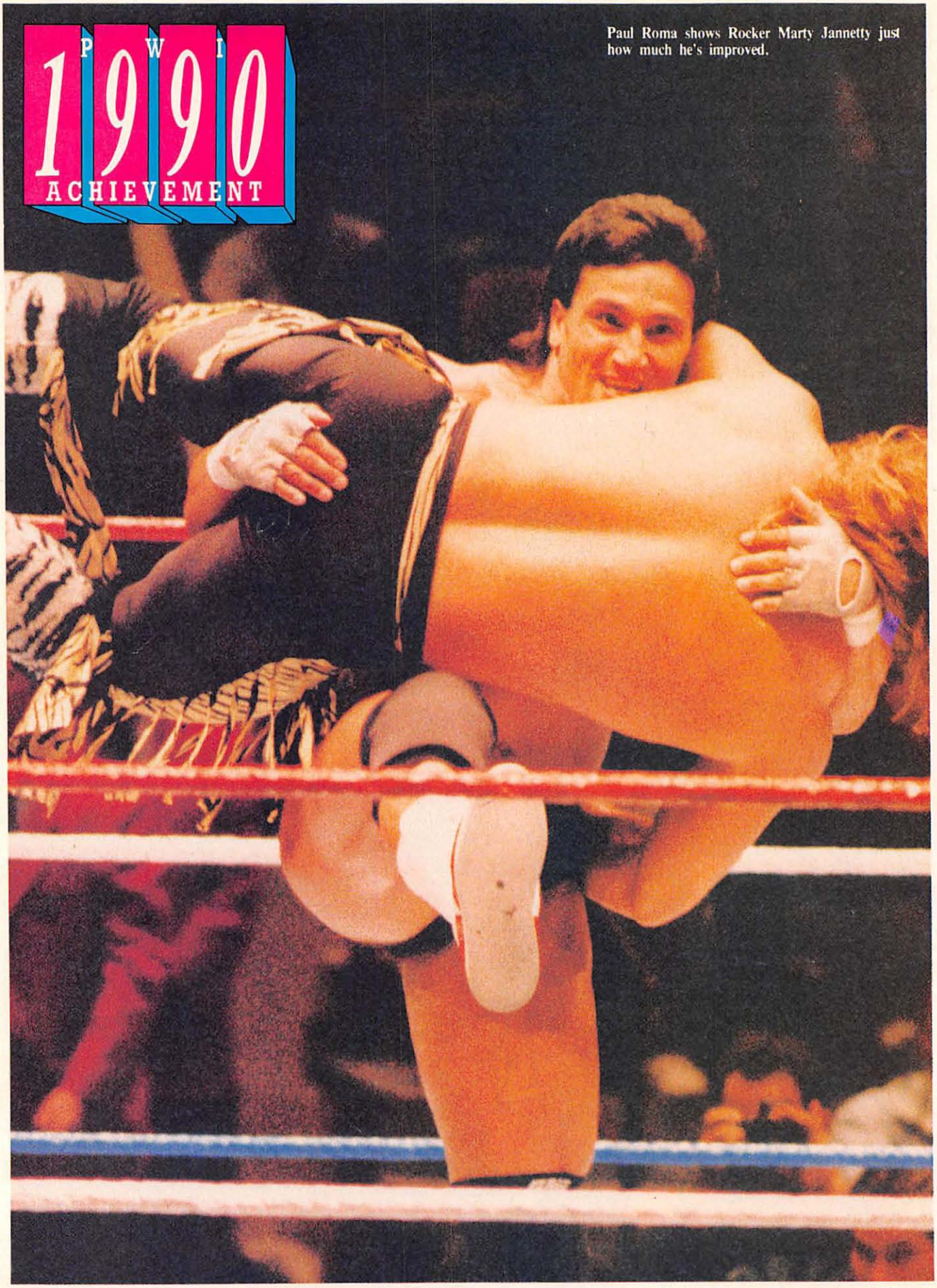


Paul Roma shows Rocker Marty Jannetty just how much he's improved.

MOST IMPROVED WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

PAUL ROMA
11,127 votes

ALL SHOW AND no substance. That's what they used to say about Paul Roma. He was the one with the tremendous physique and a mediocre ring record.

Not anymore.

When Slick decided to team Roma with Hercules as Power & Glory, it changed the youngster's career dramatically, winning him new fear and respect. Now Roma is part of a team that many feel could be the next WWF tag team champions.

"I always knew Roma was loaded with potential; I mean, look at the guy's body," wrote Palmer Johnson of Butte, Montana. "But he never could seem to break out of the prelim ranks. Now, I don't completely agree with his rulebreaking tactics, but his wrestling has improved tenfold. Slick really did something to get him motivated."

This isn't the first time, though, that Roma has been part of a promising team. Several years ago, he and Jim Powers came together as The Young Stallions. They achieved some success, but nothing like he's currently enjoying with Hercules.

"The difference is having a veteran like Hercules at his side," said Mike Dyson of Springfield, Illinois. "I really believe that Hercules taught him a lot. He seems craftier and more aware of what's going on. He and Powers were like two rookies floundering around with no direction. Give Slick credit, but give Hercules even more."

The jury is still out on Roma as a singles competitor. But with his already impressive accomplishments on the tag team scene, the handsome young athlete is on his way to stardom.

RUNNERS-UP

DOOM
10,596 votes

First runner-up: Separately, Ron Simmons and Butch Reed are a pair of ring-hardened veterans. But when they teamed as the masked duo of Doom in 1989, they were an embarrassment. It was only after they took off the masks, and dumped Woman as their manager; and brought on Teddy Long did they begin to shine—and win the NWA World tag team title.

TUGBOAT
8,285 votes

Second runner-up: As Big Steel Man in Florida, Tugboat looked extremely impressive. But the inspiration he drew from his friendship with Hulk Hogan gave him new purpose, and it showed. "When Hulk was injured, Tugboat wrestled for *both* of them," wrote Mary Simpson of Fresno, California. "Watching Tugboat gave Hulk the strength to come back!"

CACTUS JACK
5,927 votes

Third runner-up: For years, this wild and wacky New Mexican toiled on the independent circuit, earning respect for his talent but little recognition. When he finally got his chance in the USWA and the NWA, he raised his game to a new level, giving quite a few established grapplers a scare. This "Jack-of-all-styles" should have a fine '91.

VOTES FOR OTHERS (34,185)

Some of the top vote-getters who did not capture a runner-up spot include: Earthquake, Vic Steamboat, Scotty the Body, Tony Anthony, and Joel Deaton.

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

TEDDY LONG
12,927 votes

THEY ONCE LAUGHED at Theodore R. Long. When the balding former referee began his career as a manager after spending several years as a respected ring official, no one gave him much chance of success. After all, the diminutive Long had never managed anyone.

Long never listened to the skeptics. Instead, he became a force in the NWA in 1989 by merging the destructive talents of Sid Vicious and Dan Spivey; he dubbed his massive new team The Skyscrapers. When injuries and defections made The Skyscrapers crumble, Long knew that he needed another team to pick up where they had left off.

It didn't take Long too long to surpass even his own expectations. During their match against the Steiners at Clash of the Champions X on February 6 in Corpus Christi, Texas, Doom, then managed by Woman, suffered the most humiliating defeat of their careers. After weeks of being soundly beaten by Rick and Scott Steiner, Ron Simmons and Butch Reed were unmasked by the brother tag team in front of a national TV audience. Doom was so demoralized they considered leaving the NWA.

"That's where my genius came in," recalled the supremely confident Long. "After they were unmasked, I contacted Ron and Butch and told them it was the best thing that could have happened. They didn't know it, but those masks provided a built-in excuse to lose. Once everybody knew who they were, they would have to work that much harder to succeed. I told them that if I managed them, their troubles would soon be over."

Truer words were never spoken. Simmons and Reed already had the power and skills to be a fine tag team. Long injected the men with renewed self-confidence and purpose. Three months later, Doom stunned the Steiners to win the NWA World tag team title at Capital Combat '90 on May 19 in Washington, D.C.

Since then, Doom has seemed unbeatable, even against such top teams as the Steiners and Arn Anderson and Ric Flair. Teddy Long has proven his critics wrong. He is a manager of World champions.

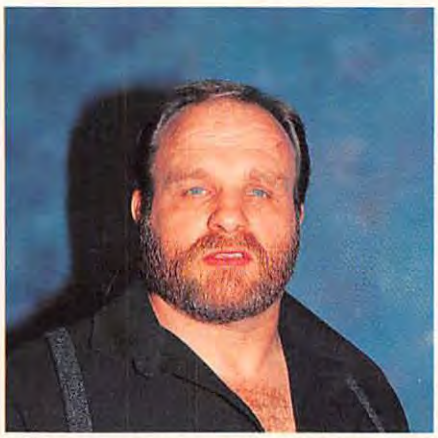
He's also the Manager of the Year.

RUNNERS-UP

BOBBY HEENAN
11,927 votes

First runner-up: "The Brain" came extremely close to winning this poll for the second straight year. He led Haku and Andre the Giant to the WWF World tag team title in December 1989, and they held the belts through April. Next, he led Curt Hennig to the Intercontinental title. He may be a "Weasel,' but he also continues to be one of the sport's top managers.

OLE ANDERSON
10,146 votes



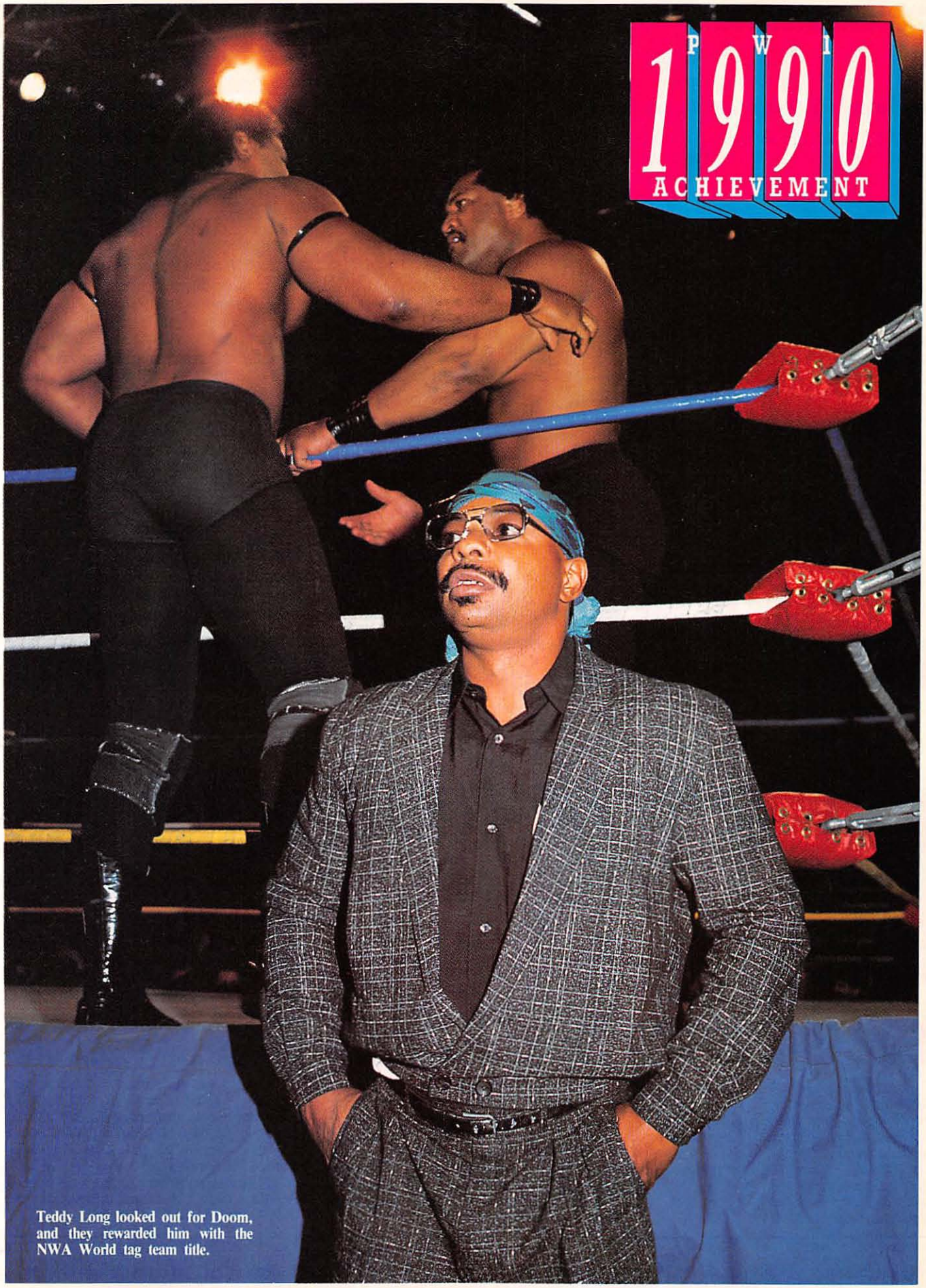
Second runner-up: Although they failed to achieve the same prominence as in the past, The Four Horsemen made a big comeback in 1990. Anderson was the mastermind behind the elite rulebreaking group's insidious plots, including the impostor Sting hoax at Halloween Havoc. He has proven he'll stop at nothing until the Horsemen regain total control of the NWA.

JIM CORNETTE
8,293 votes

Third runner-up: As usual, the "Louisville Slugger" was in the midst of a title controversy, leading The Midnight Express—Stan Lane and Bobby Eaton—to a disputed victory over Brian Pillman and Tom Zenk for the U.S. tag team championship. Cornette left the NWA in early November, but that didn't diminish his status as an outstanding manager.

VOTES FOR OTHERS (26,248)

Some of the top vote-getters who did not capture a runner-up spot include: Jimmy Hart, Paul E. Dangerously, Sensational Sherri, Slick, and Downtown Bruno.



Teddy Long looked out for Doom, and they rewarded him with the NWA World tag team title.

FEUD OF THE YEAR

RIC FLAIR vs. LEX LUGER
14,912 votes

IT SEEMS HARD to believe: When 1990 began, Ric Flair was a fan favorite and Lex Luger was as hated as any wrestler in the sport. The events of the year—and the incredible matches between the two—went a long way toward changing the fans' attitudes about both men.

The Four Horsemen were reassembled early in the year, and it appeared that the combination of Sting, Arn and Ole Anderson, and Flair could achieve greatness. However, jealousy flourished within the ranks, particularly after Sting was scheduled to receive an NWA World title match against Flair at Wrestle War on February 25 in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The Horsemen would never let the match happen. Flair and the Andersons violently dumped Sting from the group during Clash of the Champions X on February 6. Later on the card, Sting suffered a ruptured left patella tendon. The NWA had to name a replacement for the Wrestle War match, and the assignment went to then-U.S. champion Luger.

The Horsemen tried to attack Luger about a week before the match, but the "Total Package" valiantly fought off Flair and the Andersons. When Flair and Luger finally met at Wrestle War, it provided one of the most memorable moments of the year.

About halfway through the match, Sting hobbled to the ring on crutches and cheered Luger on. Luger was astounded that Sting, a man with whom he had previously feuded, was supporting him. Luger was counted out after he defended Sting from an attack by the Andersons. More significantly, that match marked the beginning of a glorious friendship with Sting and an intense feud with Flair.

For months, Luger and Flair battled all over the country. Another violent encounter took place at Capital Combat '90 on May 19. That match was a steel cage bout, but Ole Anderson gained control of the cage, which allowed the Horsemen to attack Luger, who won by disqualification.

Times are different now. The fans cheer Luger while they revile Flair. But anytime these men lock up, their vast talents—and their pure hatred—guarantee it will always be a classic encounter.

RUNNERS-UP

HULK HOGAN vs. EARTHQUAKE
13,420 votes

First runner-up: When Earthquake attacked Hogan on May 15, Hogan was so badly injured that many fans feared it was the end of the "Hulkster's" career. Amazingly, Hogan rebounded to defeat the burly Canadian by countout at SummerSlam. But Earthquake continues to pursue his prey, and this ugly war is still going on in arenas throughout the country.

ULTIMATE WARRIOR vs. RICK RUDE
12,565 votes

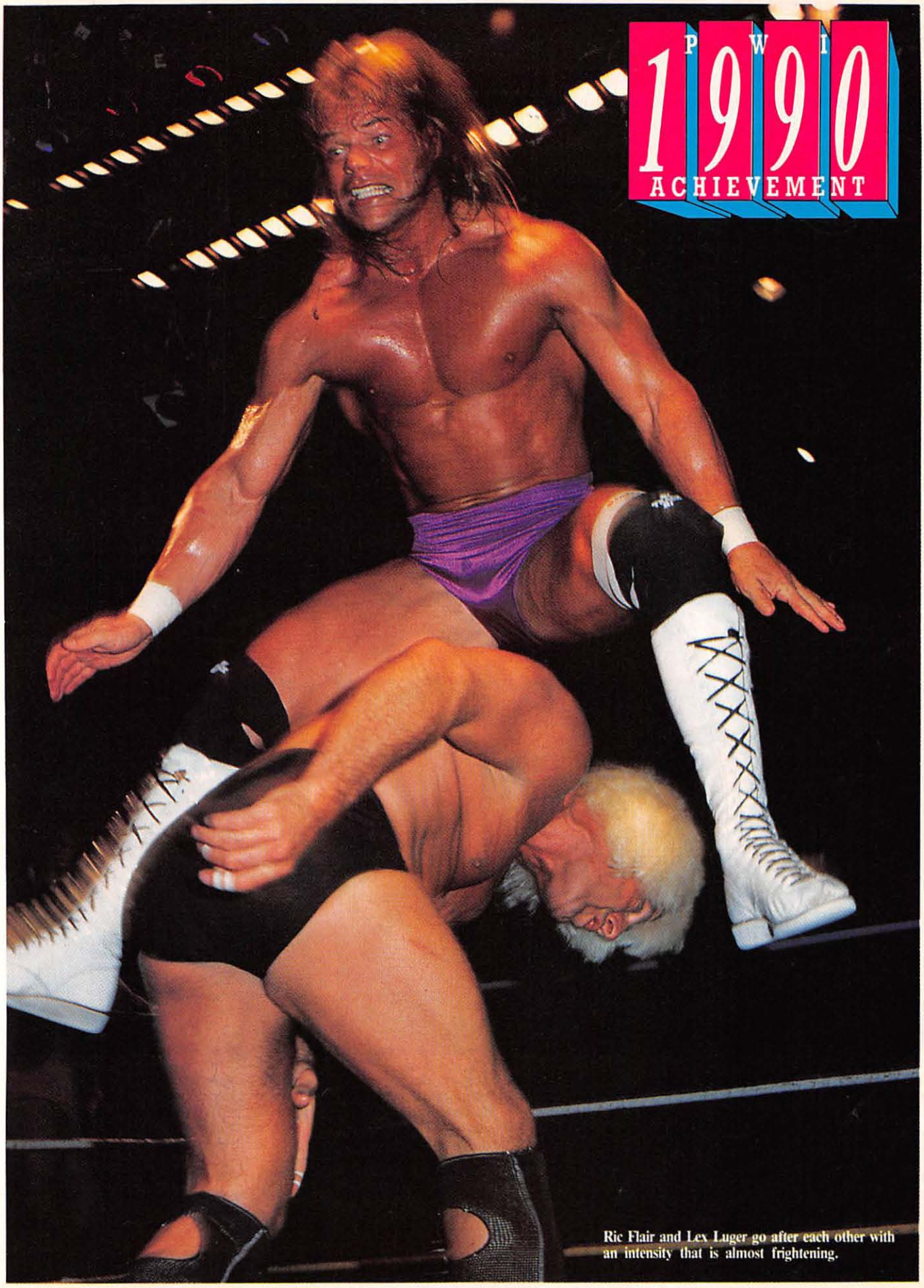
Second runner-up: In 1989, "Ravishing" Rick defeated the Warrior for the Intercontinental title. When Warrior downed Hogan for the WWF World title at WrestleMania VI, Rude figured he was the only man that could defeat the new champion. What resulted was a war of epic proportions, including a sickeningly bloody steel cage bout at SummerSlam.

CHRIS ADAMS vs. STEVE AUSTIN
8,222 votes

Third runner-up: Austin and his trainer, Adams, were once close friends. Jealousy soon overcame the student, and Austin lusted to destroy his mentor. What better way than to team up with Adams' ex-wife, Jeannie, and try to drive the "Gentleman" crazy? Add Toni Adams to the war, and the resulting mixed matches burned up the USWA for months.

VOTES FOR OTHERS (20,991)

Some of the top vote-getting feuds that did not capture a runner-up spot include: Dudes With Attitudes vs. The Four Horsemen, Ric Flair vs. Sting, Eddie Gilbert vs. Jerry Lawler, Sgt. Slaughter vs. Nikolai Volkoff, and Rick & Scott Steiner vs. The Nasty Boys.



Ric Flair and Lex Luger go after each other with an intensity that is almost frightening.

MOST POPULAR WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

FOR THE SECOND consecutive year, Hulk Hogan has proven that he is, by far, the most popular competitor in this sport. What's even more remarkable is that he achieved this distinction despite missing three months of action in 1990.

"When Hogan was injured by Earthquake in May, I rallied all my friends to write get-well wishes to him," wrote Emily Benning of Lincoln, Nebraska. "A lot of people thought he was coming back to the sport too soon when he wrestled Earthquake at SummerSlam, but in my heart I knew he was doing it for his fans. That's why I not only root for the 'Hulkster,' but I care deeply about him, too."

So do millions of other "Hulkamaniacs." After Hogan was crushed by Earthquake with three huge splashes, Tugboat rallied the fans to write to the two-time former WWF World champion. Reportedly, more than 250,000 supporters responded to Tugboat's pleas.

HULK HOGAN
18,825 votes

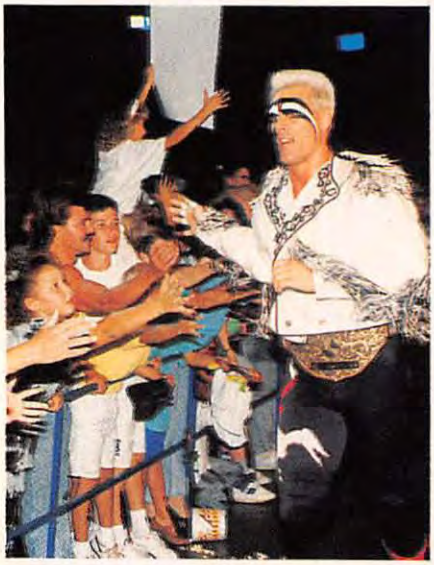
Even though he lost the WWF title to The Ultimate Warrior at WrestleMania VI, Hogan continues to be the federation's top drawing card. It's a simple fact that events that feature Hogan outdraw any other wrestling events in the United States and Canada.

"I'm a big WWF fan," wrote Irv Andrews of Harford, Maryland, "but it's the 'Hulkster' that draws me to the arena. Nobody else gives you your money's worth like Hogan does. Not only does he fight like mad to win, but after the match he salutes the fans by posing for them. That's important to me."

Currently, Hogan is busy in production for his second starring role in the action film *Suburban Commando*. Add that to his frequent ring appearances—and his vow to regain the WWF World title—and it's a safe bet that this legend will be in top contention for this award when *next* year's votes are tabulated.

RUNNERS-UP

STING
15,172 votes

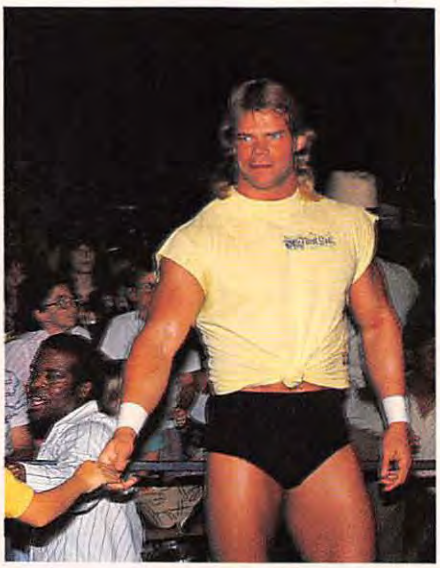


First runner-up: When Sting suffered a ruptured left patella tendon in February, it looked as if he might never return. However, his amazing victory over Ric Flair for the NWA World title on July 7 thrilled fans everywhere, and his outstanding title defenses against Sid Vicious, Harley Race, and The Black Scorpion cemented his ascent to superstardom.

ULTIMATE WARRIOR
14,928 votes

Second runner-up: Slowly but surely, the Warrior gains more and more popularity. His WrestleMania VI victory over Hogan was one of the biggest WWF upsets of all time. His title defenses against Rick Rude and Randy Savage thrilled fans nationwide. And when he defeated Ted DiBiase in Japan early in the year, he became a favorite in two countries.

LEX LUGER
11,726 votes



Third runner-up: Early in the year, the "Total Package" was a rulebreaker. But when Sting came to his aid during a World title bout against Ric Flair, the young stars rekindled their friendship—and Luger matured quickly. Now he's vowed never to turn his back on his supporters again, and the fans have responded by cheering him on to victory.

VOTES FOR OTHERS (10,091)

Some of the top vote-getters who did not capture a runner-up spot include: Kerry Von Erich, Scott Steiner, Big Bossman, Rick Steiner, and Jerry Lawler.

Hulkamania is still one of the strongest forces in the universe.

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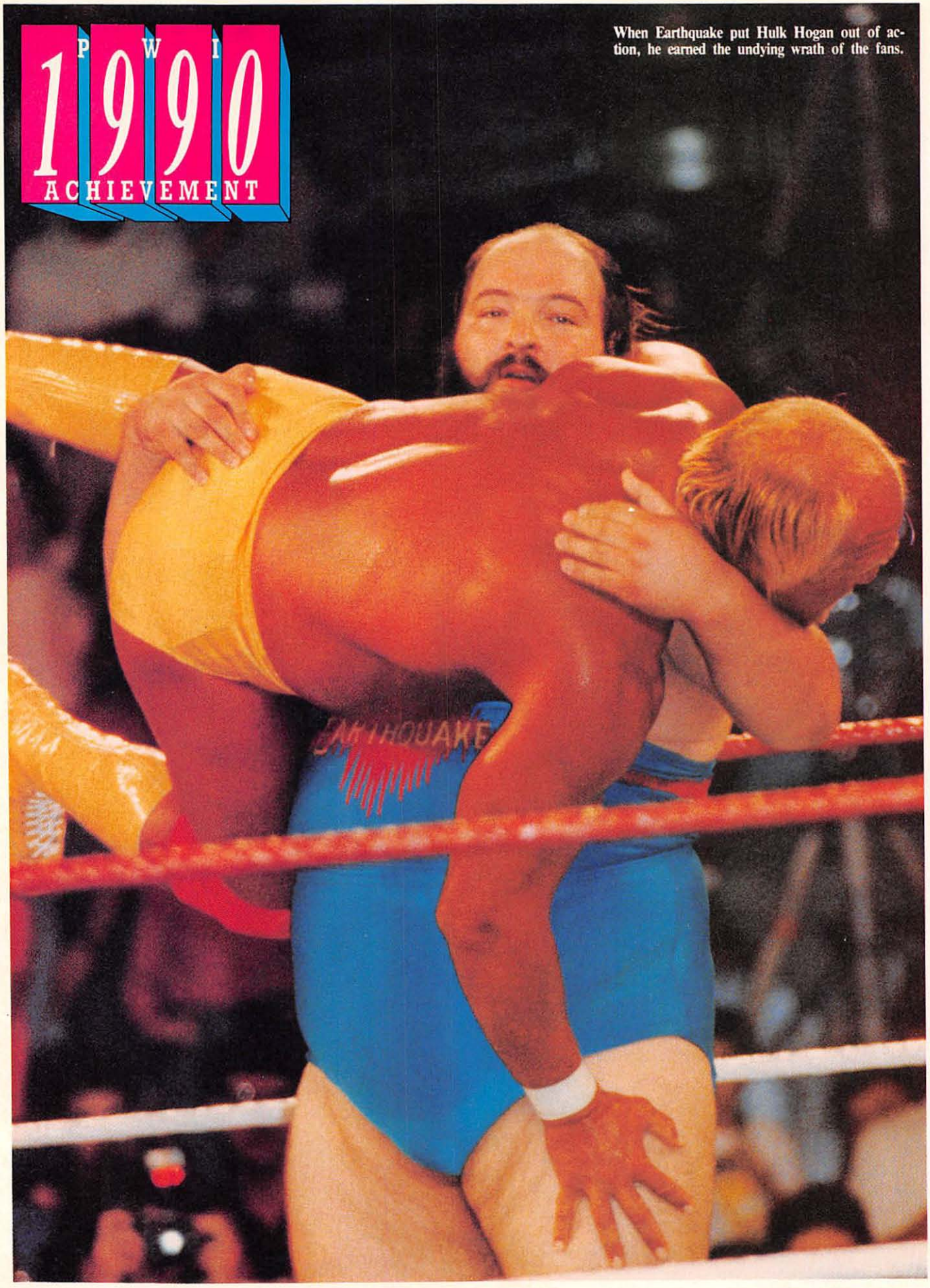


When Earthquake put Hulk Hogan out of action, he earned the undying wrath of the fans.

MOST HATED WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

EARTHQUAKE
15,275 votes

IT WAS A MOMENT that will live forever in wrestling infamy. On May 15 at the La Crosse Center in La Crosse, Wisconsin, Hulk Hogan was being interviewed by Brother Love. No one expected that the unthinkable was about to occur.

An Earthquake was about to strike.

It seemed like any other interview until the massive Canadian's manager, Jimmy Hart, ran to the podium and began hurling insults at the "Hulkster." Hogan, not about to put up with such treatment from the diminutive loudmouth, grabbed Hart by the lapels.

At that point, Earthquake came up from behind Hogan and smashed a metal chair hard across his back. After Hogan fell helpless to the floor, Earthquake unleashed what was to become the most feared maneuver in the sport—the crushing "earthquake" splash—as he brought the full force of his 462 pounds down hard on Hogan's ribs and sternum three times.

Hogan was carried out of the arena on a stretcher. The cracked sternum and broken ribs were diagnosed as career-threatening injuries. Hogan was hurt so badly that he considered retirement before returning to action in August.

Is it any wonder that Earthquake was the winner of the 1990 Most Hated Wrestler of the Year award?

"Over the last few years, there have been many men I've hated in the WWF," wrote Tom Kragen of Boston. "We've had bigmouths like Randy Savage and Roddy Piper, and I never thought I could despise anyone more than them. But Earthquake's brutality this year was the worst thing I've ever seen. It wasn't just Hogan that fat slob injured. I've never seen such a trail of broken bodies being carted from arenas in my life."

Can Earthquake be stopped? Fans all over the world are praying the rejuvenated Hogan can soon get the job done.

In the meantime, this Earthquake keeps right on striking—and destroying. There could be no worse news for wrestling fans in 1991.

RUNNERS-UP

RIC FLAIR
13,582 votes

First runner-up: After the "Nature Boy" intentionally injured Sting's left knee in February, he stayed high in the Most Hated ratings for most of the year. In addition, Flair remained the driving force behind The Four Horsemen, the most universally reviled band of rulebreakers in wrestling history. No wonder millions cheered when he lost the NWA World title!

RICK RUDE
11,935 votes

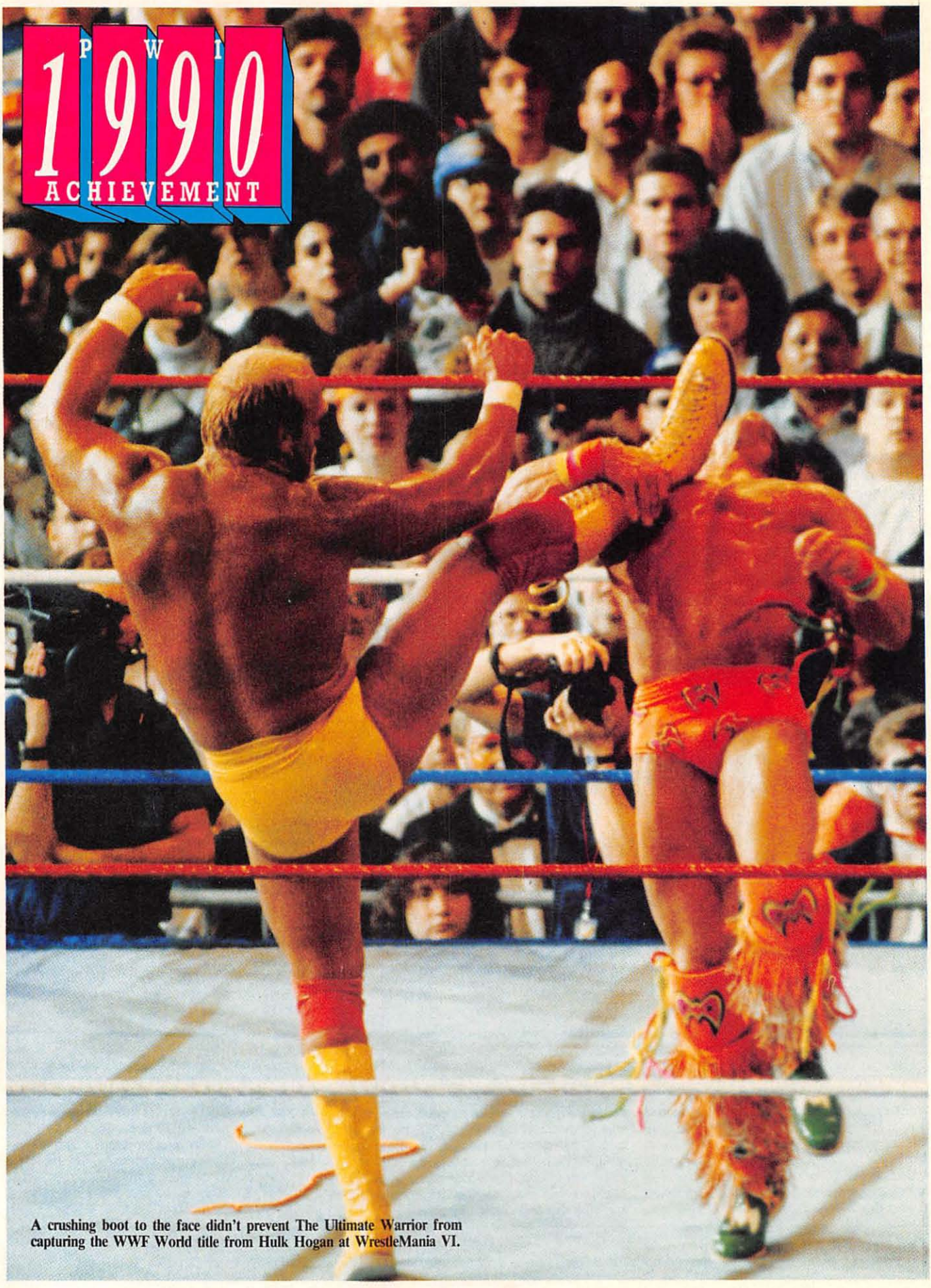
Second runner-up: Finally, a rulebreaker's big mouth got him in trouble he couldn't get out of. At press time, Rude was suspended from the WWF because of insults he directed toward Big Bossman's mother. However, his actions in 1990 were even worse than his words as he arrogantly brawled his way to the top contender's spot for the WWF World title.

EDDIE GILBERT
8,867 votes

Third runner-up: No one uses horrific tactics as much as "Hot Stuff" does. He throws fire. He beats his foes with chains and brass knuckles. And on September 1, he ran down Jerry Lawler with a car! Gilbert again unleashed a deadly fireball to win the Southern title from Jeff Jarrett on October 29. This is a man who must be stopped at any cost.

VOTES FOR OTHERS (21,295)

Some of the top vote-getters who did not capture a runner-up spot include: Randy Savage, Sid Vicious, Larry Zbyszko, Ted DiBiase, and Stan Hansen.



A crushing boot to the face didn't prevent The Ultimate Warrior from capturing the WWF World title from Hulk Hogan at WrestleMania VI.

MATCH OF THE YEAR

HULK HOGAN vs. THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR
24,180 votes

IT WAS MAN vs. man. Champion vs. champion. And, most importantly, it was the most famous wrestler of his time going against the only man in the WWF that could rival his power.

There was little doubt that a Hulk Hogan-Ultimate Warrior bout would be a classic. What better main event could there be for WrestleMania VI, held April 1 at the massive SkyDome in Toronto?

"I traveled thousands of miles to see that match," wrote Billy Tanner of Los Angeles, who flew to Canada to be one of the 67,678 on hand for the historic event. "I had a feeling that something truly special was going to happen."

What could be more special than an upset victory? Hogan, a two-time WWF World titleholder, was the heavy favorite. Ultimate Warrior was the reigning I-C champion who had established himself with one-sided victories over Andre the Giant, Rick Rude, and Randy Savage.

Tempers flared between Hogan and Warrior in the weeks before the event. By bell time, both men were primed for action. That's exactly what the fans got.

It looked as if this clash would end like all of Hogan's previous title defenses—with an incredible Hogan comeback. Warrior crushed Hogan with a gorilla-press and a splash, but only gained a two-count. Hogan's eyes bulged with excitement as he rallied back and caught the young challenger with a boot to the face.

Then, the unexpected happened: Hogan tried his usual finisher—the legdrop—but missed when Warrior rolled out of the way. Warrior splashed the stunned Hogan and covered him for the winning pin at the 22:51 mark.

The bout was the kind of classic that may never be topped, except, perhaps, by a Hogan-Warrior rematch. Maybe WrestleMania VII will bring these superstars together once again.

RUNNERS-UP

STING vs. RIC FLAIR
18,236 votes

First runner-up: The "Nature Boy" had tried to take Sting out of action for good by helping to rupture his left patella tendon. After four months of rehabilitation, nothing could keep Sting from gaining revenge—and winning the NWA World title. This was the main event of the July 7 Great American Bash, one that many fans are calling the best Bash ever.

HULK HOGAN vs. EARTHQUAKE
9,234 votes

Second runner-up: Yet another injury brought about another grudge match. Earthquake brutalized Hogan during a sneak-attack in May, but "Hulkamaniacs" all over the country wrote cards and letter to support their idol. The result was the August 27 SummerSlam main event, where Hogan gained a hard-fought countout victory over his hefty rival.

ROYAL RUMBLE
6,288 votes

Third runner-up: The annual Royal Rumble has established a reputation as one of the most exciting bouts every year, and the 1990 event was no exception. The Orlando Arena rocked with excitement on January 21 as Hulk Hogan fought off 29 other wrestlers to win. But the *real* highlight here was when Hogan and the Warrior locked up for the first time ever!

VOTES FOR OTHERS (11,799)

Some of the top vote-getting matches that did not capture a runner-up spot include: Rick & Scott Steiner defending their U.S. tag team title against The Nasty Boys at Halloween Havoc on October 27; Ric Flair defending his NWA World title against Lex Luger at Wrestle War on February 25; Jerry Lawler regaining the USWA title in a one-night tournament in Memphis on October 8; Kerry Von Erich winning the Intercontinental title from Curt Hennig at SummerSlam on August 27; and Stan Hansen's U.S. title victory over Lex Luger at Halloween Havoc.

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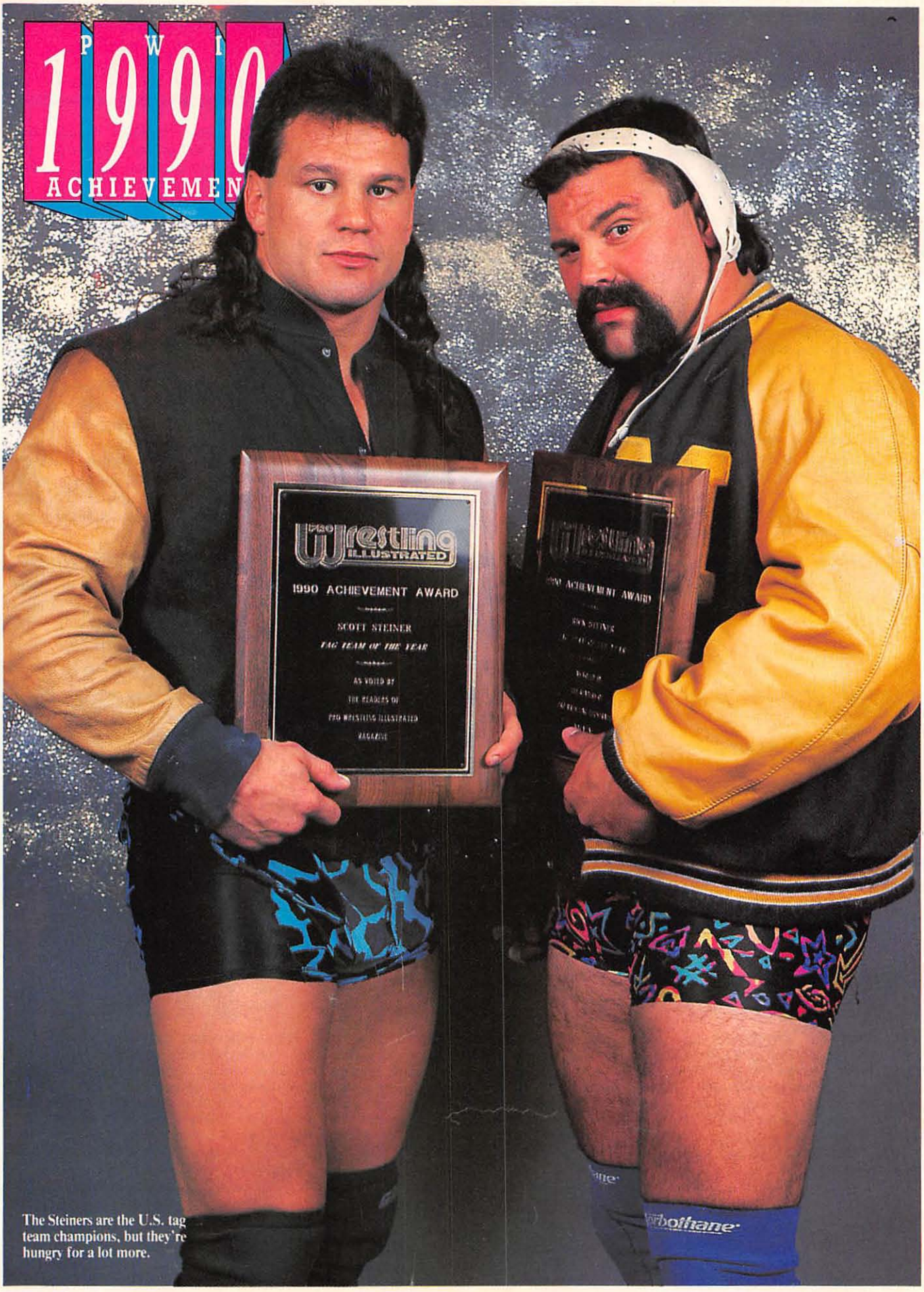

The Steiners are the U.S. tag team champions, but they're hungry for a lot more.

TAG TEAM OF THE YEAR

RICK & SCOTT STEINER
18,377 votes

FEW THINGS IN the sport today are as thrilling as seeing Rick Steiner send an opponent sprawling with his "Steinerline" clothesline, or watching Scott Steiner pin his foe following the blinding speed and picture-perfect execution of the incredible "Frankensteiner."

It took them a while to get there, but the Steiners have succeeded in capturing the fans' imagination like no other duo since the heyday of The Road Warriors.

"If the Steiners aren't on a card, I don't go," said Mark Stahl of Atlanta. "To me, one 'Frankensteiner' is worth any admission price they might charge!"

"As far as I'm concerned, Rick and Scott are the best team in the world, whether they have championship belts or not," wrote Al Turner of New Orleans. "I mean, let's face it: Can *you* name any duo with more moves, greater strength, or a brighter outlook for the future?"

Rick and Scott began the year as NWA World tag team champions (they captured the belts from Michael Hayes and Jim Garvin on November 1, 1989, in Atlanta) and held the belts until the May 19 Capital Combat card in Washington, D.C., when they were dethroned by Doom.

"That Capital Combat match has to be one of the biggest upsets of the year," wrote Jessica Harmon of Baltimore.

Three months later, the Steiners rebounded and captured the U.S. tag team title from The Midnight Express on August 24 in East Rutherford, New Jersey, a championship they still hold as of press time. But the World belts remain their ultimate goal—even if they've been sidetracked from that goal by The Nasty Boys.

"Brian Knobs and Jerry Sags are a couple of mean sons of guns," wrote Fred Stern of New York, "but if anybody can tame them, Rick and Scott can. They're absolutely awesome! Either one of them is good enough to go all the way and become NWA World champion someday."

In some future year-end issue, we may be acknowledging just such an achievement. For now, though, the Steiners are riding high atop the wrestling world as the Tag Team of the Year.

And they show all indications of only improving in 1991.

RUNNERS-UP

DEMOLITION
15,271 votes

First runner-up: Many despise them for still being Road Warrior wannabes, while others revile them for skirting WWF rules by adding a third member to their squad. And they're not about to win any popularity contests with their current masked identity deception. Still, you can't deny the fact that Demolition dominated the WWF tag scene for most of 1990.

DOOM
11,384 votes

Second runner-up: Since capturing the NWA World tag team title from the Steiners on May 19 at Capital Combat, Butch Reed and Ron Simmons have been an uncommonly formidable and dominant pair of champions. Even the depth of Ric Flair and Arn Anderson's skills came up short at Halloween Havoc. Doom figures to be a major NWA force for some time to come.

THE LEGION OF DOOM
10,868 votes

Third runner-up: The Road Warriors by any other name are still an awesome duo. They captured worldwide attention this year when they moved to the WWF, but the impact of a feud with Demolition was lost when they joined forces with Ultimate Warrior for a long series of six-man bouts. Now they're back to tandem action—and back to their old sadistic selves.

VOTES FOR OTHERS (14,126)

Some of the top vote-getting teams that did not capture a top spot include: The Rockers, The Midnight Express, The Southern Boys, Tom Zenk & Brian Pillman, and The Hart Foundation.

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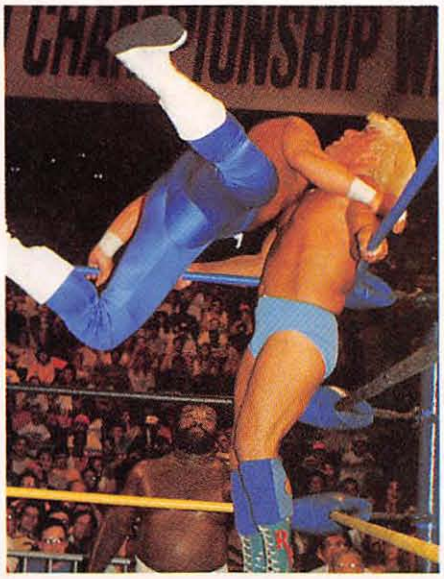
It was an amazing year for Sting, who overcame enormous obstacles to capture the NWA World heavyweight championship.

WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

STING
19,481 votes



THERE'S NO DOUBT about it: 1990 was the year of the "Stinger."

During the past 12 months, this young Californian not only cemented his reputation as one of the sport's superstars, but he accomplished one of the hardest tasks in doing so: He defeated Ric Flair to become NWA World heavyweight champion.

Not bad for a man who, by all rights, should be retired. On February 6, Sting injured his left knee while trying to climb a steel cage to get at The Four Horsemen, and then had the left patella tendon ruptured in a direct attack by the Horsemen. Sting was forced to undergo extensive surgery, but wouldn't allow himself anything less than perfection: He wanted to come back *stronger* than he had been before.

"It's a funny thing about injuries," said Sting recently. "It's terrible when they happen, but they have a way of maturing you real fast. My bad knee forced me to work out with everything I had for five months. Not only did my knee eventually come back at close to 100 percent, but the rest of my body also got bigger and stronger."

On July 7 at the Great American Bash in Baltimore, Sting put his rebuilt knee to the test against Flair, the six-time NWA champ who was lusting to cripple him for good.

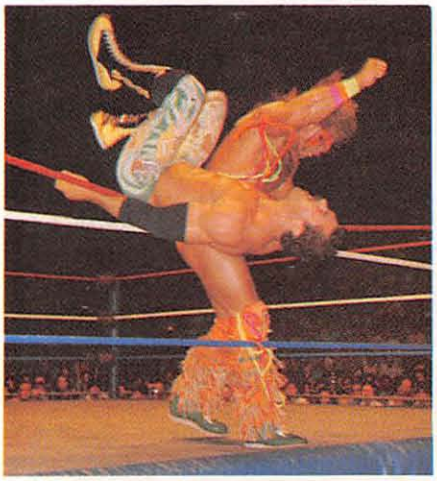
Flair worked on the knee unmercifully, stomping and kicking at Sting's leg with sadistic pleasure. The "Nature Boy" believed he would finish Sting off forever with a figure-four leglock. But when he bent down to apply it, Sting grabbed him by back of the head and rolled him into a small package for the victory and the title.

Since then, Sting has been doing his best to restore prestige to a championship that was tainted by Flair's constant disqualifications and the Horsemen's continual outside interference. The fans are thrilled about having such an honorable man holding the belt again.

"The best thing about Sting is that he hasn't even reached his prime yet," wrote Rob Billings of San Francisco. "He's a really cool guy who just happens to be the best in the world at what he does."

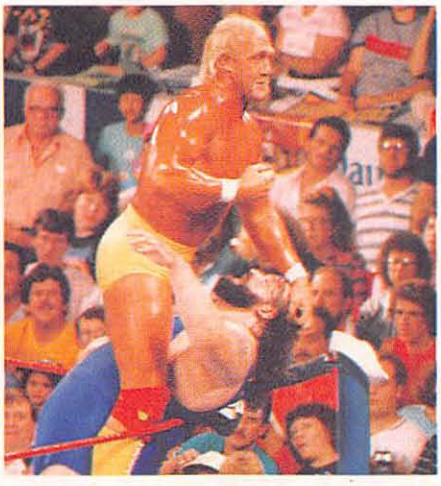
RUNNERS-UP

ULTIMATE WARRIOR
18,176 votes



First runner-up: By defeating Hogan for the WWF World title at WrestleMania VI, the Warrior accomplished what few men have done: He cleanly pinned the "Hulkster's" shoulders to the canvas. Following that win, the Warrior dominated the WWF, downing foes such as Rick Rude and Randy Savage. Unless he's ordered to give Hogan a rematch, he seems to be a lock to keep the belt through 1991.

HULK HOGAN
12,003 votes



Second runner-up: Although this was the year he lost his second WWF World title, this legend continued to pack arenas wherever he wrestled. When his ribs and sternum were crushed by Earthquake, it appeared that he, too, would be forced into early retirement. Hogan not only made it back, but proved he was ready for the massive Canadian's challenge in several rematches.

LEX LUGER
8,284 votes

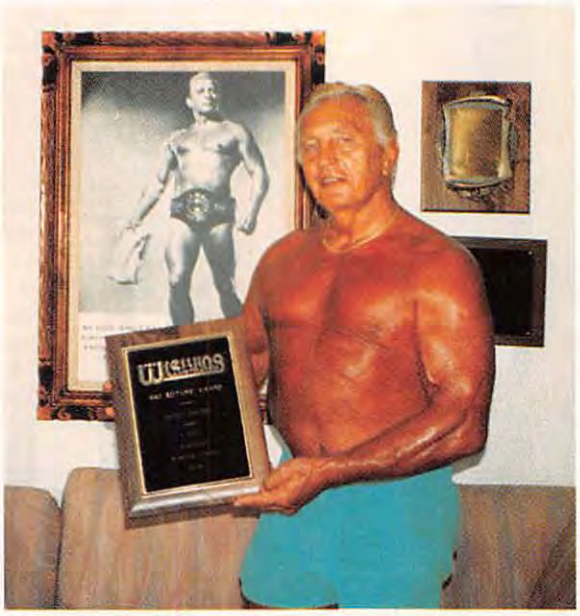
Third runner-up: No wrestler has ever been a greater U.S. champion than the "Total Package," who held his third such title for the majority of 1990. Equally as impressive were his World championship matches against Ric Flair. And although Luger lost the U.S. belt to Stan Hansen at Halloween Havoc, he has vowed to his millions of fans that he'll reclaim that prize at any cost.

VOTES FOR OTHERS (11,944)

Some of the top vote-getters who did not capture a runner-up spot include: Kerry Von Erich, Curt Hennig, Jerry Lawler, Larry Zbyszko, and Stan Hansen.

EDITORS' AWARD

BUDDY ROGERS



THE CAREER OF "Nature Boy" Buddy Rogers is well-documented. He was the first and only man to hold both the NWA and WWF World titles. He set the standard for arrogance and style in a wrestler. He could, in the words of nationally syndicated columnist Bob Greene, "flash a sneer that would melt women's hearts and fill men with envy."

Today, living in Florida with his wife, Debbie, and son, Dave, Rogers still carries himself in a manner befitting his storied past. No, he doesn't step through the ropes anymore, but he does keep in touch with the sport he loves.

As a sort of goodwill ambassador for wrestling, Rogers frequently travels the country, appearing at fan conventions and signing autographs. He says it's a part of his life that he thoroughly enjoys.

"I had a great career," Rogers says. "It's only right that I give something back. These fans can be wonderful. Especially the ones who know me. They remember every detail of my matches, things that even *I* had forgotten. And believe me, I don't forget much."

It's not only at fan gatherings that you'll hear Rogers talking wrestling. People walk up to him on the street to tap into his storehouse of knowledge, or simply to say "hello" to one of the heroes of their youth.

"When most people think of wrestling in the '50s, they think of Gorgeous George," says *PWI* Senior Editor Bill Apter, "but I think of Buddy Rogers. He had it all: the looks, the talent, the style. And don't forget that strut! I used to spend hours trying to strut like the 'Nature Boy' !"

Rogers, of course, has many fond memories of the past.

"There were some tremendous competitors back then," he recalls. "Lou Thesz, Pat O'Connor, Antonino Rocca; I could go on and on because there were so many great ones. These were men I feuded with, but also respected as men and as athletes."

Ask Rogers about the wrestlers of today, though, and that famous sneer crosses his face.

"The only regret I have today is that I was born too soon. If I was in my prime today, Hulk Hogan would be destroyed, right along with the rest of them."

Those who know Rogers well wouldn't bet against the original "Nature Boy" if he ever got back in the ring—even against the giants of the '90s.

"Buddy is still in outstanding shape," says Apter. "He's often said to me, 'You know, Willie, if I could get in the ring with those guys today, I could whip them all.' Do you know something? I believe him."

The imitators come and go, but there's one only Buddy Rogers. □

"NATURE BOY" BUDDY ROGERS—CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

July 4, 1939: Wrestled his first professional match, beating Moe Brazen in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

1947: Received the nickname "Nature Boy."

1950: Won the United States title in a tournament held in Columbus, Ohio, beating Johnny Valentine in the final match.

October 7, 1959: Defeated Jersey Joe Walcott in a boxer vs. wrestler match at the Forum in Montreal.

June 30, 1961: Won the NWA World title from Pat O'Connor at Comiskey Park in Chicago. The crowd of 38,622 and gate of $141,345 were both records at that time. The NWA subsequently forced him to give up the U.S. belt.

January 24, 1963: Lost the NWA World title to Lou Thesz in Toronto.

1963: Won a tournament for the first WWWF World championship following the formation of the federation.

May 17, 1963: Lost the WWWF title to Bruno Sammartino in New York. Wrestled in several tag team matches for the next two months, then retired.

April 1967: Made a brief comeback in Montreal. Retired again in June.

January 1, 1979: Began another comeback in West Palm Beach, FL, defeating Jim Garvin. Also managed "Superfly" Jimmy Snuka and John Studd that year.

July 16, 1979: Wrestled Ric Flair (and lost) in the "Battle of the Nature Boys" in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

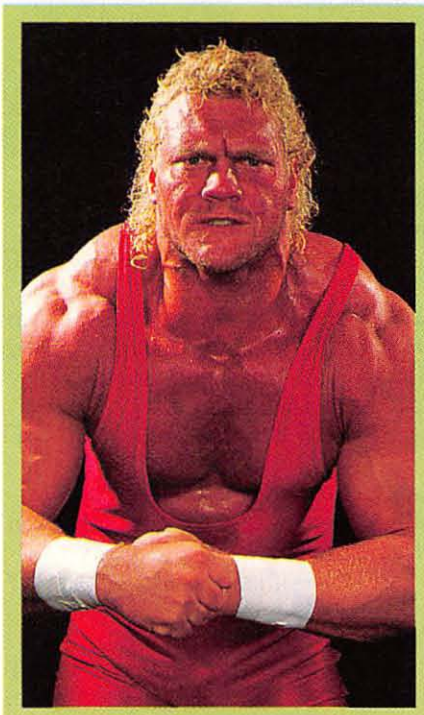
1982: Managed "Superfly" Jimmy Snuka—and wrestled with him—in the WWF.

November 25, 1982: His final match. Teamed with Jimmy Snuka at the Philadelphia Spectrum against Ray Stevens & Lou Albano.

YOUR UNOFFICIAL/OFFICIAL AWARDS 1990

Since we began soliciting them for our "Achievement '85" edition, your "Unofficial/Official Awards" have become a favorite year-end feature for many. This is where we ask our readers to invent unusual and outrageous awards for the year just past, then bestow those awards upon appropriately deserving recipients. It's fun, it's creative, and it's an annual celebration of all the wildness and uniqueness inherent in the sport. Each year the volume of mail has grown, and this year's batch of awards mail was the biggest yet. Thus, it is with great pleasure we present your "Unofficial/Official Awards For 1990."

A Dollar Doesn't Have The Buying Power It Used To: Ted DiBiase purchases the services of Sapphire
—Peter Stone, Holbrook, NY



All Bark, No Bite: Sid Vicious
—Tony Troglin, Gruetli-Laager, TN

Arachnophobia: Sting vs. The Black Scorpion
—Richard Evans, Gulfport, MS

As Nasty As They Wanna Be: The Nasty Boys
—Brian S. Adams, Shelbyville, IN

Back From The Dead: Terry Taylor
—Mike Volgare, Bronx, NY

Banned from AAA: Eddie Gilbert
—Terry Kamen, Dothan, AL

Bart Simpson Underachiever (And Proud Of It) Award: Barry Windham
—Jeanne Groll, Laurel, MT

Best Announcer: Jim Ross
—Adrian Chavarria, Missouri City, TX

Best Career Move: Terry Taylor returns to the NWA
—Brian S. Adams, Shelbyville, IN

Best Face Paint: Sting's American flag design
—Justin Bumgardner, Guthrie, OK

Best New Tag Team: The Master Blasters
—Dean Roll, Lebanon, OH

Best Ring Announcer: Gary Michael Cappetta
—Jonathan Hood, Chicago

Best Ring Attire: Big Van Vader
—Bruce Weeden, Albany, NY

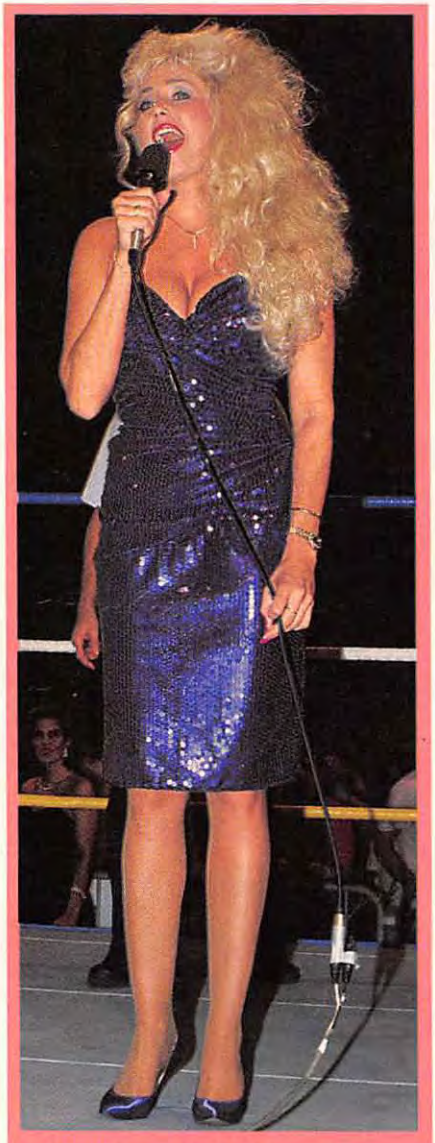
Biggest Disgrace To Music Since The New Kids On The Block: (tie) The Freebirds and Rhythm 'n' Blues
—Kimberly Brown, Saugus, MA

Biggest Nothing Since The Invention Of The Zero: Bobby Heenan
—Billy Rathburn Jr., Asheville, NC

Biggest Windbag Since The Whoopee Cushion: Jim Cornette
—Alma Marie Clark, Wichita Falls, TX

Blessed Event: Hulk Hogan is cleanly pinned
—Luke Thompson, Cullowhee, NC

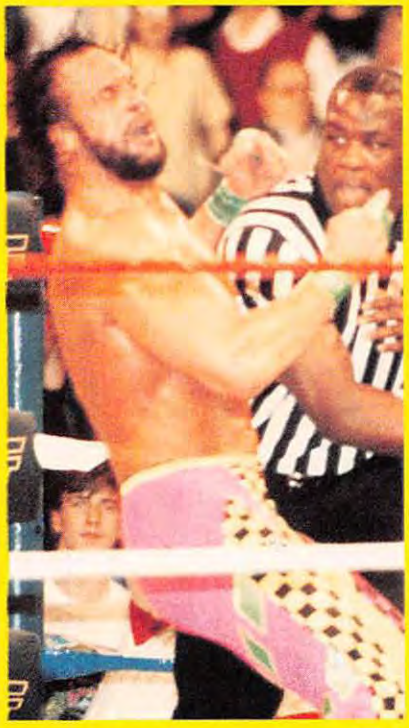
Clean Up Your Act: Dirty White Boy and Dirty White Girl
—Jason Biagi, St. Paul, MN



Co-Host From Hell: Missy Hyatt
—Toni Regalado, La Puente, CA

Comeback Of The Year: Davey Boy Smith
—Shahzad Akhtar, S. Ozone Park, NY

Coolest Voice: Randy Savage
—Sean Fluharty, Baton Rouge, LA



Could Floor Randy Savage, But Not Holyfield When It Mattered: Buster Douglas
—Jose Colon, Brooklyn, NY

Cream Of The Crap: The Four Horsemen
—Richard Evans, Gulfport, MS

David Copperfield Wannabe: The Black Scorpion
—Billy Rathburn Jr., Asheville, NC

Don Rickles "Insult King" Award: Bobby Heenan
—Fred Knapp, Washington, NJ

Dude With The Worst Attitude: Paul Orndorff
—Darren Turner, Greenfield, IN

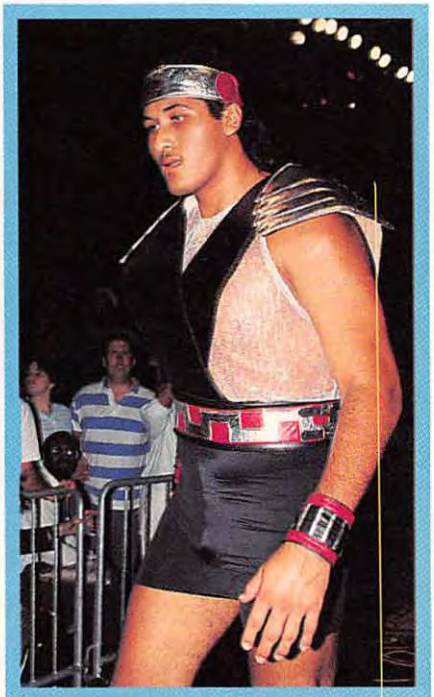
Dumbest Finishing Maneuver: Sgt. Slaughter's noogie
—Chris Hines, Kailua, HI

Dumbest Quote Of The Year: From Lord Al Hays: "Dusty Rhodes spends lots of time in the gym to stay in top physical condition."
—Luke Thompson, Cullowhee, NC

Dusty Rhodes Memorial "Triple Somersault To Get To The Front Of The Line At The All-You-Can-Eat Smorgasbord" Award: Buddy Rose
—Suzie Scott, Reynoldsburg, OH

Dynamic Duds: Johnny Ace & Shane Douglas
—Richard Evans, Gulfport, MS

Eggcitement Like This I Can Do Without: The WWF's Survivor Series egg
—Phil Allen, Boston



Eighth Blunder Of The World: El Gigante
—Phillip Romanski, Lyndhurst, NJ

End Of An Era: Jesse Ventura retired from WWF announcing duties
—Jason Kockel, W. Allenhurst, NJ

Energizer Bunny Award (They Keep On Going . . . And Going . . . And Going . . .): (tie) Bobo Brazil, Harley Race, and Dusty Rhodes
—Mike Robinson, Greensboro, NC

Enough Is Enough: Calling The Freebirds "the greatest rock 'n' roll band of all time"
—Mike Volgare, Bronx, NY

Federation To Watch: PNW
—Dave Szymanak, Johnson City, KY

Flash In The Pan: Big Van Vader
—Andre Featherstone, New York

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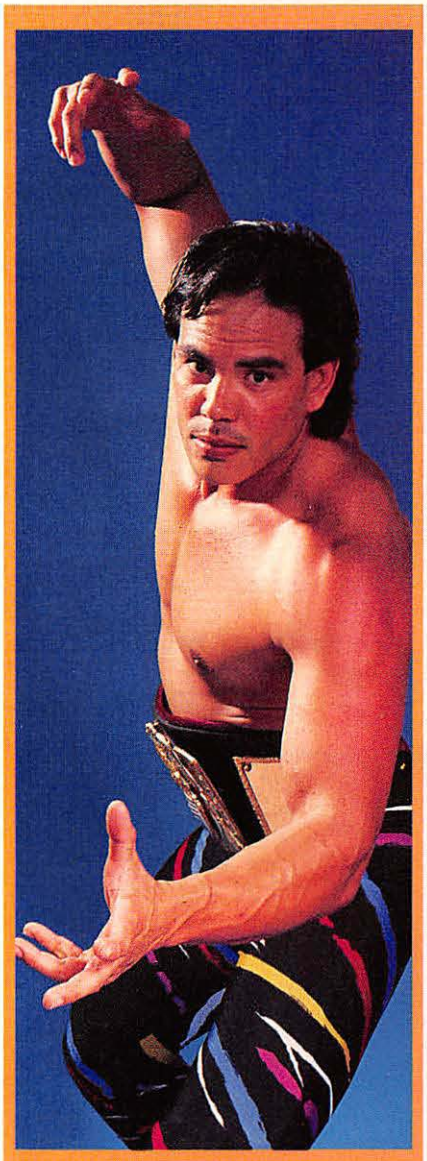
Four Men And A Baby: Rick Rude, Haku, Barbarian, Curt Hennig, and Bobby Heenan
—George Maroulakos, Maplewood, NJ



Future NWA World Champion: Vic Steamboat
—David Fisher, Lexington, MA

George Steele Memorial Vocabulary Plaque: The Ultimate Warrior
—Reggie Bruel, Bronx, NY

Ghost With The Most: The Juicer
—Dean Roll, Lebanon, OH

Goddess Of Grappling: Sensational Sherri
—Vaughn & Gary Stewart, San Diego

Gorgeous To Gross In One Easy Lesson: Sensational Sherri
—Tommy Shock, Benton, LA

Greatest Save Of 1990 By A Non-Wrestler: Jim Ross explains away the crown on Harley Race's trunks at the Great American Bash by saying, "He must be a fan of the Sacramento Kings."
—Joe Crowe, Clanton, AL

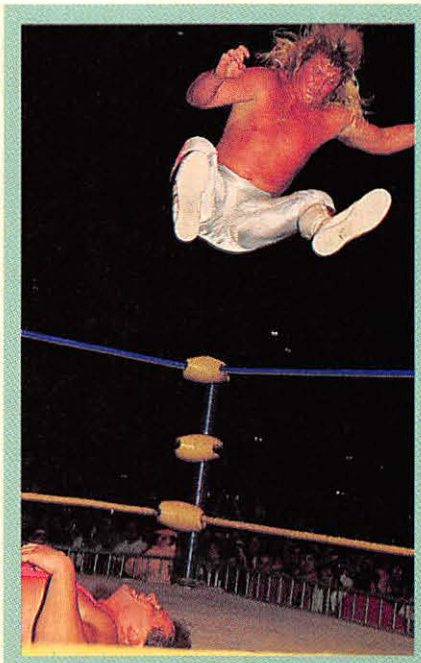
Greatest Wrestling Innovation: *PWI Weekly*
—Dave Szymanak, Johnson City, KY

Haven't I Seen That Face On The Nickel? Ric Flair's "George Washington-style" hairdo
—Peter Stone, Holbrook, NY

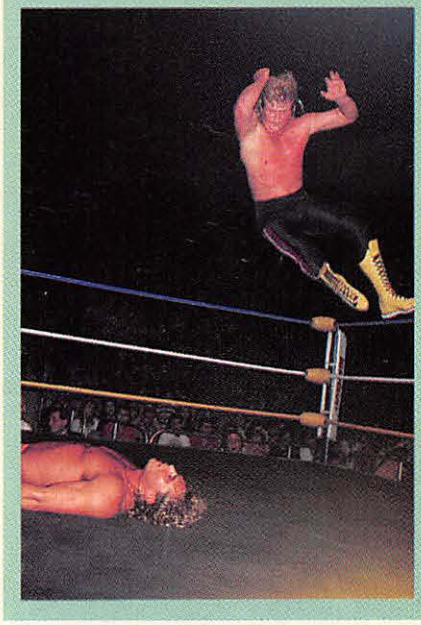
He Takes A Lickin' But Keeps On Tickin': Ric Flair
—William Stanford, Bronx, NY

Hello, Goodbye: The NWA's "Slam-O-Meter," used once at Capital Combat '90 and never again
—Eric McHugh, Toms River, NJ

High Finances, Low Class: Ted DiBiase
—Jim Anderson, Tacoma, WA



Highest Flyer: Bobby Eaton
—Jason Gerling, Spokane, WA



Homer Simpson "Common Man" Award: Dusty Rhodes
—Alan Asher, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Human Rat: Jimmy Hart
—Sean Fluharty, Baton Rouge, LA

Iceman Parsons Memorial "Rooty Poot" Award: Rocky King a.k.a. Little Richard Marley
—Alma Marie Clark, Wichita Falls, TX

I'd Rather Hear Roseanne Barr Sing The Hallelujah Chorus: Hacksaw Duggan and Nikolai Volkoff's "duet" at SummerSlam
—Jim Bartlette, Chinook, MT

If He's So Perfect, I Don't Mind Being An Idiot: Curt Hennig
—William Stanford, Bronx, NY

If You Can't Beat 'Em, Join 'Em: Kerry Von Erich
—Joseph Self, Kansas City, MO

INXS "Suicide Blond" Award: Sting
—Alan Asher, Winnipeg, Manitoba

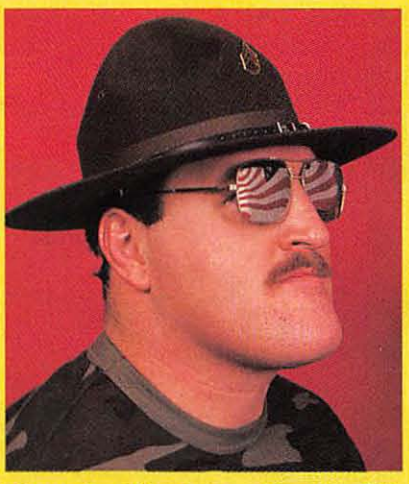
Is This Dallas Or *Dallas*? The Chris Adams-Toni Adams-Jeannie triangle
—Phillip Romanski, Lyndhurst, NJ

"I've Fallen, And I Can't Get Up!" The AWA
—Rodney M. Bashore, Lititz, PA

John McEnroe Coniption Fit Award: Jim Cornette
—Eric Thornton, Canyonville, OR

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar Career Longevity Award: Harley Race
—Eric Thornton, Canyonville, OR

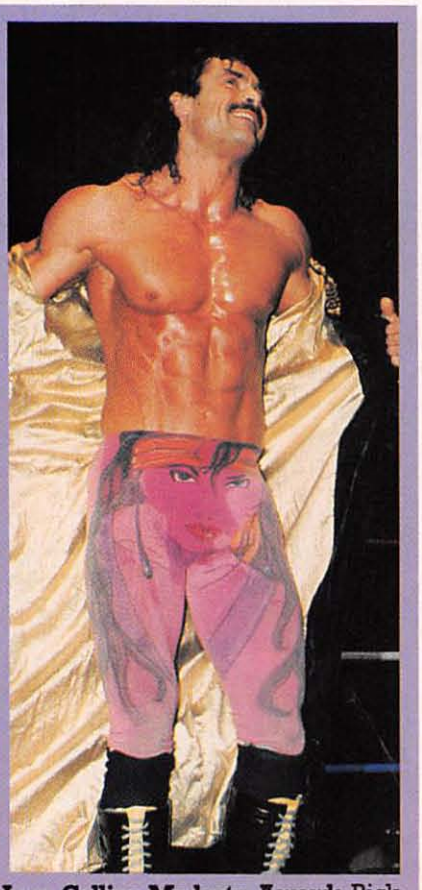
Led Zeppelin Physical Grafitti Award: Jimmy Valiant's body
—Jeff Sharkey, Hortonville, WI



Maggot Of The Year: Sgt. Slaughter
—Mike Facciani, Johnstown, PA

Marla Maples Superbitch Award: Jeannie Clark, for trying to break up Chris and Toni Adams
—Paul Hughes, Bowie, TX

Maybe He Should Switch To Decaf: The Ultimate Warrior
—Donald Hall, Baldwin, KS



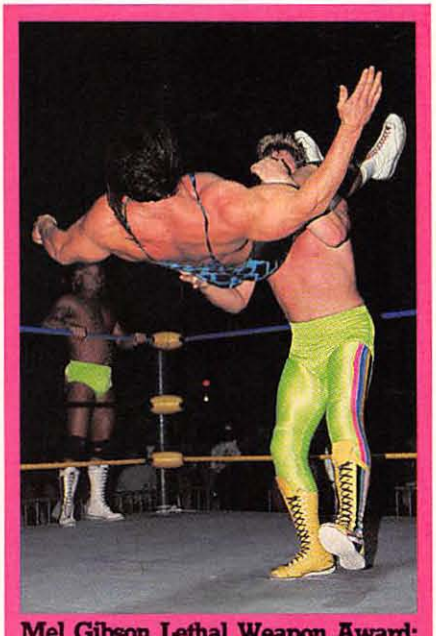
Joan Collins Modesty Award: Rick Rude
—Stephen Durham, Lincoln, England

Leona Helmsley Humanitarian Award: Sensational Sherri
—Joseph Self, Kansas City, MO

Lightning *Does* Strike Twice: Brutus Beefcake getting shut out of Intercontinental title shots at SummerSlam '88 and '90 due to injuries
—Eric Thornton, Canyonville, OR

Living Lummox: Larry Zbyszko
—Jessica Forde, Norfolk, VA

Lost In Space: The Bushwhackers
—George Maroulakos, Maplewood, NJ



Mel Gibson Lethal Weapon Award: Scott Steiner's Frankensteiner
—Jeanne Groll, Laurel, MT

Mismanaged Tag Team Of The Year: The Orient Express
—Lou Graiff, Albany, NY

Mission Unaccomplished: Hulk Hogan's meaningless SummerSlam victory over Earthquake
—Tony Hawthorne, Baltimore

Monster Of A Move: The Frankensteiner
—Sean Cronin, Hyde Park, MA

More Confusing Than The 1990 Census: AWA Team Challenge Series
—Dave Szymanak, Johnson City, KY

Morton Downey Jr. "Zip It, Pal" Award: Brother Love
—Glenn Courtney, Mississauga, Ont.

Most Deserving Of A Scorpion Deathlock: Eddie Ellner
—Patti Wher, Scranton, PA

Most Likely To Mug An Old Lady For Cab Fare: The Four Horsemen
—Ron Norton, Vandalia, IL

Most Ms-Guided Tag Team: Doom, managed by Woman
—Richard Evans, Gulfport, MS

Most Promising Tag Team: Power & Glory
—John Donlon, New York

Most Underrated Tag Team: The Orient Express
—Stephen Ostrowski, Lyndhurst, NJ

Most Valuable Player Of The AWA Team Challenge Series: Jake Milliman
—Irvin Deitz Jr., Sunbury, PA

Mr. Creosote Expanding Man Award: Abdullah the Butcher
—Jim Peters, Greenwich, CT

NAACP Nightmare: Saba Simba
—Mark Baker, Philadelphia

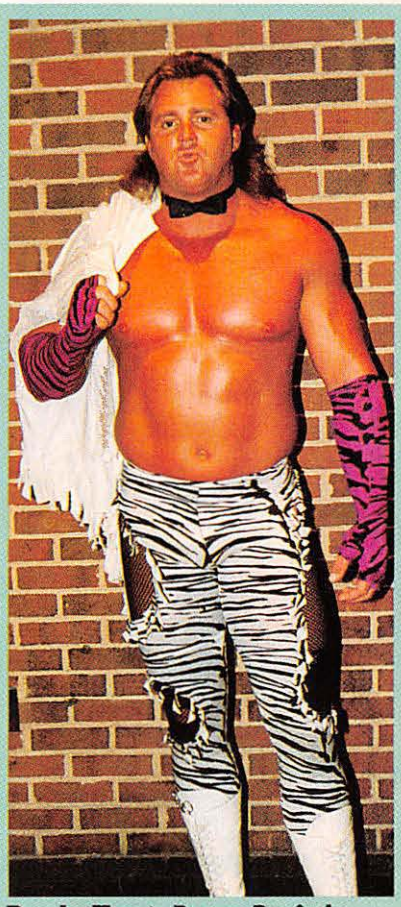
Nobody Asked Me, But . . .: Why was Sapphire wearing a fur coat at *SummerSlam*?
—Paula Baumgartner, Oak Harbor, WA

One's Too Many, But A Hundred Aren't Enough: Missy Hyatt's appearances on *NWA Main Event*
—Brian Engel, Washington, D.C.

Only Good Reason To Have Censorship In Pop Music: Rhythm 'n' Blues
—J. Piro, Jersey City, NJ

Perfect Zero: Curt Hennig
—Brian Laughlin, Racine, WI

Preliminary Tag Team Of The Year: The State Patrol
—Andre Featherstone, New York



Purple Heart: Brutus Beefcake
—Edgar Arce, Downey, CA

Referee Of The Year: Buster "Where Is The Mustard?" Douglas
—Cortez Driskell, Fort Meade, MD

Reunion Of The Year: The Four Horsemen
—William Stanford, Bronx, NY

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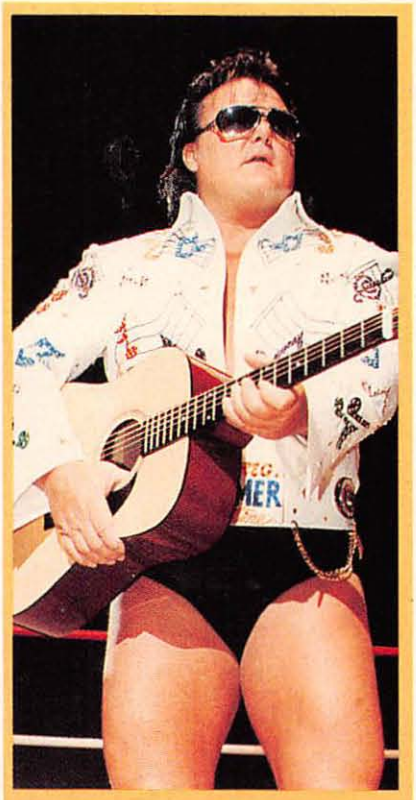
Road Warrior Wannabe Wannabes: The Master Blasters
—Peter Stone, Holbrook, NY



Roy Orbison Memorial Award: Greg Valentine
—Reggie Bruel, Bronx, NY

Royal Pain: Randy Savage
—Randy Banner, Morganton, NC

Running On Empty: The Rock 'n' Roll Express
—Dave Perrotta, Lindenhurst, NY

Saddam Hussein Would Be Proud: Sgt. Slaughter's loyalty to Iraq
—Jason Remillard, Chicopee, MA

***Saturday Night Live* Grumpy Old Man Award:** Eddie Ellner; he's not old, but he complains about *everything*
—Jeanne Groll, Laurel, MT

Sausage Stuffer Of The Year: Lanny Poffo
—Jim Bryant, Baltimore

Sellout Of The Year: Sapphire
—Dennis Brown, Newport, RI

7.2 On The Richter Scale: Hulk Hogan slams Earthquake on the timekeeper's table at SummerSlam '90
—Jorge Martinez, Springfield, MA

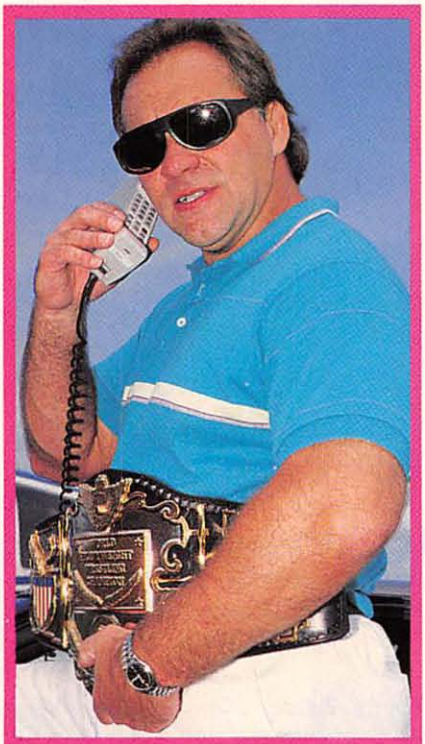
She's A Lousy Commentator . . . But Who Cares? Missy Hyatt
—James Grant Jr., New York

Shoddiest Shades: Power & Glory
—Kimberly Brown, Saugus, MA

Silent But Deadly: "Beautiful" Bobby Eaton
—John Zattor, Nutley, NJ

Simply Resistible: Sensational Sherri
—Sean Cronin, Hyde Park, MA

Somebody *Please* Direct Him To The Bathroom: Earthquake
—Derek Wise, Reading, PA

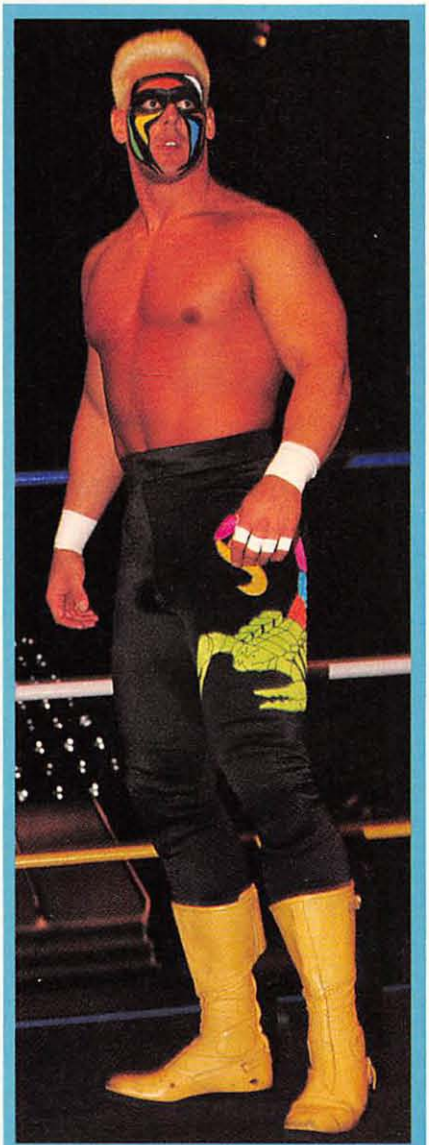


Steve Miller "Take The Money And Run" Award: Larry Zbyszko, for keeping all of the AWA Team Challenge Series prize money for himself
—Mike MacFarland, Meadville, PA

***Still* Road Warrior Wannabes:** Demolition
—Tom Stubenrauch, N. Haledon, NJ

Suckup Champ Of The Year: Tugboat, for his constant praise of Hulk Hogan
—Vaughn & Gary Stewart, San Diego

Supercard Of The Year: Great American Bash
—Harold Pawlik, Erie, PA



Takes A Licking But Keeps On Ticking: Sting
—Tonya Heath, Henryville, IN

Texas Turncoat: Kerry Von Erich
—Stephen Ostrowski, Lyndhurst, NJ

The Future Of Women's Wrestling: The LPWA's Terry Power
—Jerry Smith, Stanford, CT

The New Giant Idiot: El Gigante
—Charles A. Bernacchi, Palmdale, CA

The Total Underachiever: Lex Luger
—John Donlon, New York

The *True* First Lady Of Wrestling: Liz Hunter
—Kimberly Brown, Saugus, MA

Thin May Be In, But Fat Is Where It's At: Buddy Rose
—Steve Walles, Stoneham, MA

Three's A Crowd: Demolition
—T.J. Roberts, New York

TV Or Not TV? That Is The Question: Arn Anderson
—David Russell, Atlanta

Voice Of Reason: Eddie Ellner
—Charles A. Bernacchi, Palmdale, CA

Wake Me Up When It's Over: AWA Team Challenge Series
—Jon J. Martin, Bremen, IN

What A Difference A Year Makes: Big Bossman
—Jeremy Trager, Joliet, IL

Why Be Normal? At Least He's Having Fun! The Juicer
—Kimberly Brown, Saugus, MA

Wide Load: "Trucker" Norman
—Jeremy Steigerwald, Auburn, NY

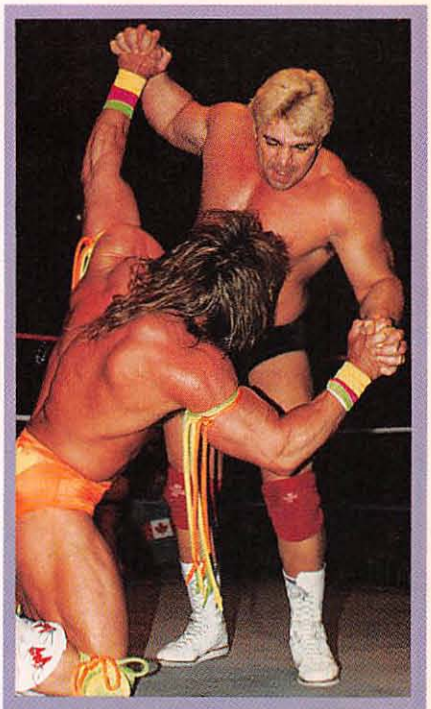
Wine Me, Dine Me, Frankenstein Me! Scott Steiner
—Elizabeth Thomas, Mansfield, OH

Woman Of The Year: Jeannie Clark
—Andre Featherstone, New York

Wooly Bully: Dutch Mantel
—Richard Evans, Gulfport, MS

Worst Case Of PMS: Sensational Sherri
—Steve Walles, Stoneham, MA

Worst Color Commentator Of The Year: Ralph Strangis
—Lisa Tanner, Madawaska, Ontario

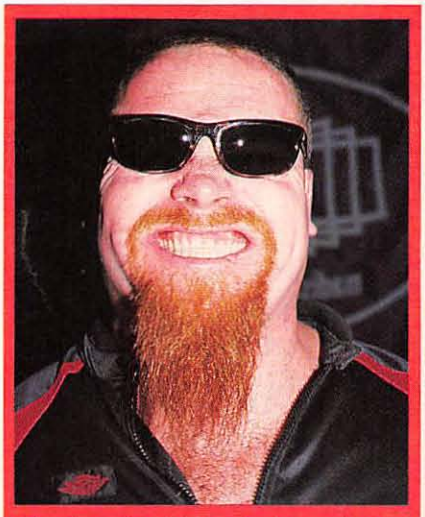


Worst Feud Of The Year: Dino Bravo vs. anybody
—Steve Walles, Stoneham, MA

Worst Tag Team Of The Year: Greg Valentine & Honky Tonk Man
—Timmy Perkins, Ewing, KY

You Call Yourself A Black Belt? Stan Lane
—Jason F. Varrone, Utica, NY

Zeus Award For No-Talent Morons Trying To Become Wrestlers: El Gigante
—Adam Ross, Brooklyn, NY

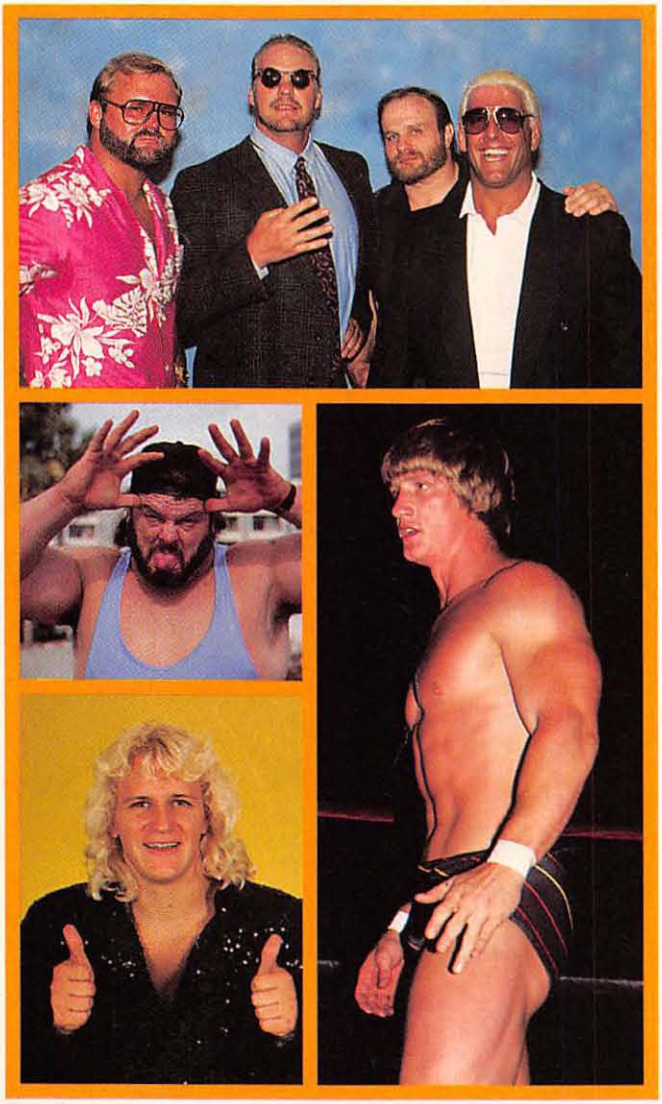


ZZ Top Best Beard Award: Jim Neidhart
—Jeff Sharkey, Hortonville, WI

PREDICTIONS 1991

Back in the January 1991 edition of ***Pro Wrestling Illustrated****, my "In Focus" column asked you to send in your thoughts about what might possibly happen in the world of wrestling over the next 12 months. This has become a tradition in the year-end issue, despite the dubious believability of some of the predictions over the years (just look back through some past year-end issues to see how many predictions actually came true!). Still, everyone has a lot of fun with this feature, and there's always the hope that* ***this*** *will be the year that the predictions are finally on the mark. Save this magazine; a year from now, we'll all know who on the following pages was the most insightful prognosticator of all! Enjoy!*

—Craig Peters



The main event for WrestleMania VII will be **The Ultimate Warrior** vs. **Hulk Hogan**; the "Hulkster" will win the title and retire as champ . . . NWA World champion **Sting** will fend off challenges from **Ric Flair**, **Sid Vicious**, and **Stan Hansen**. In a related development, either Flair or Vicious will leave **The Four Horsemen** and start feuding with each other because they both think they're not getting enough title shots . . . Newcomers to the WWF will be **Lex Luger**, **The Midnight Express**, and **Larry Cameron** . . . Newcomers to the NWA will be **Jeff Jarrett** and **Steve Austin** . . . **Virgil** will finally turn against **Ted DiBiase** because he doesn't like **Sapphire**.

—Roger Daykin, Adrian, MI

Ric Flair & **Arn Anderson** will win the NWA World tag team title from **Doom**; Anderson will then give up his TV title, which will be put up in a tournament and won by **Mark Callous** . . . **Sting** will be undefeated all year . . . Unable to beat **Sting** for the NWA World title, **Sid Vicious** will go to the WWF and beat **The Ultimate Warrior** for the WWF World title . . . **Lex Luger** will win back the U.S. title from **Stan Hansen** . . . **The Master Blasters** will win the U.S. tag team belts from **Rick** & **Scott Steiner**.

—Joe Linebaugh, Struthers, OH

Tugboat will gain strength from eating spinach . . . **The Mulkeys** will return at 285 pounds each and terrorize the sport . . . **Kevin Von Erich** will join his brother in the WWF, but he will be billed as "James At 15" . . . **Scott Steiner** will execute the "Frankensteiner" on a heavyset man and tear his head off; Scott will go to jail for murder . . . **Jeff Jarrett** will go on a six-month tour of the world and convince all rulebreakers to become fan favorites . . . **Sid Vicious** will singlehandedly destroy **Saddam Hussein** and his forces—on pay-per-view.

—Steve Tetai, Green Bay, WI

Earthquake will stop moving and explode . . . **Koko B. Ware** will fly south . . . **The Ultimate Warrior** will become so fed up with taking a backseat to **Hulk Hogan** that he'll turn against Hogan during a TV interview . . . **"Mean" Gene Okerlund** will get his head sprayed with "Arrogance" and grow hair! . . . **The Bushwhackers** will overdose on sardines and have their stomachs pumped . . . **Sting** will lose the NWA World title to **Ric Flair** after Flair changes his attitude and once again becomes the man who won six World championships . . . **Tommy "Wildfire" Rich** will spontaneously combust . . . **The Nasty Boys** will feud with the PTA . . . **Missy Hyatt** and **Elizabeth** will pose for *Playboy* . . . **Gen. Skandor Akbar** will quit managing wrestlers to manage a 7-11 store . . . **Hercules'** beard will grow too long and he'll injure himself when he steps on it while wrestling. This will lead to a "battle of the beards" between Hercules and **Jim Neidhart** . . . **Andre the Giant** will become an announcer and manager . . . **Stan Hansen** will choke on his own tobacco.

—Pat Stinchcomb, Cottontown, TX

Steve Austin and **Scotty the Body** will form a very successful rulebreaking tag team . . . **Stan Hansen** will break **Mike Rotundo's** neck with the "lariat" . . . **Brutus Beefcake** will return at SummerSlam '91 . . . **Owen Hart**, **Jimmy Snuka**, **Chris Chavis**, and **Haku** will all move to the NWA . . . **The Legion of Doom** will beat **Demolition** into retirement . . . **Eddie Gilbert** will win the USWA title and keep it for more than a year . . . **Sting** will feud with the returning **Paul Orndorff** . . . **"Dr. Death" Steve Williams** will win the AWA World title and defend it against NWA World champion **Sting**.

—Eric Steffes, Fairfield, MT

Ric Flair will finally enter the WWF and win the World title from **The Ultimate Warrior** at WrestleMania VII . . . **"Mr. Perfect" Curt Hennig** will realize that **Bobby Heenan** is holding him back from the World title and fire him on national television . . . At the next Wrestle War, **Sid Vicious** will defeat **Sting** for the NWA World title. Sting and **Lex Luger** will then go to the WWF . . . **Ax** will feud with **Smash** and **Crush** and be kicked out of **Demolition**.

—Elliot Rohr, Montreal

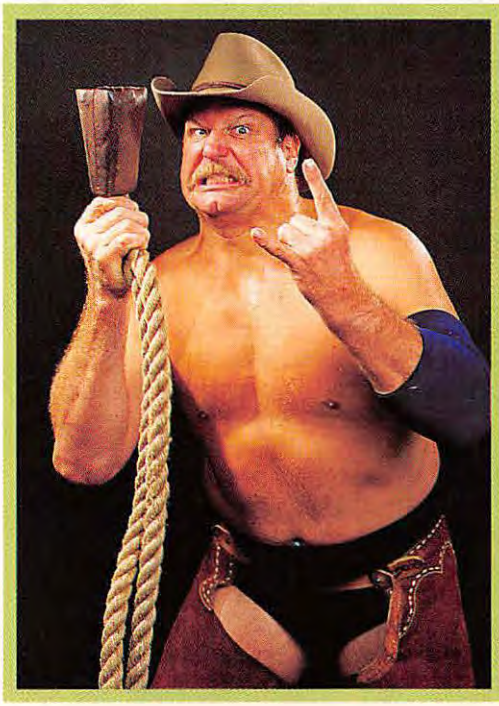
Andre the Giant will return to the WWF as a fan favorite and go on a farewell tour before he retires . . . **Big Bossman** will accidentally handcuff himself to the ring ropes and beat himself with his own billy club . . . **The Legion of Doom** will leave the WWF in the summer without having won the World tag team title . . . **Dusty** & **Dustin Rhodes**, **Curt Hennig**, and **Haku** will leave the WWF for the NWA, while **Lex Luger** and **Doom** will leave the NWA for the WWF . . . **Nikita** & **Ivan Koloff** will also go to the WWF . . . WrestleMania VII: **Hulk Hogan** vs. **Ultimate Warrior**, **Kerry Von Erich** vs. **Sgt. Slaughter**, **The Legion of Doom** vs. **The Hart Foundation**.

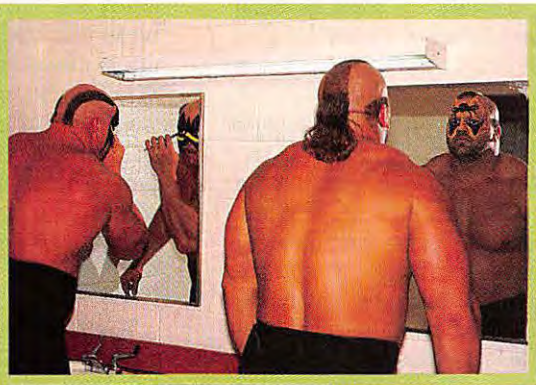
—Matthew Peaco, Bridgton, ME

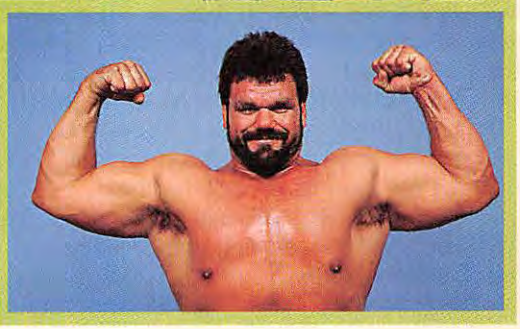
Sapphire will serve as a spy for **Dusty Rhodes** and take **Ted DiBiase** to the poor house. DiBiase will declare bankruptcy, and Sapphire and Dusty wil retire in luxury . . . Pay-per-view costs will continue to rise to all-time highs . . . **Eddie Gilbert** will be convicted of arson . . . **Chris Adams** and his ex-wife **Jeannie** will reunite . . . Much to the joy of the fans, **The Honky Tonk Man** will lose his voice and end up in the Impersonators' Hall of Shame . . . **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** will finally fade away . . . **Eddie Ellner** will predict a winner in some sporting event for the first time . . . **Larry Zbyszko** will continue to be a two-faced, cheapskate liar.

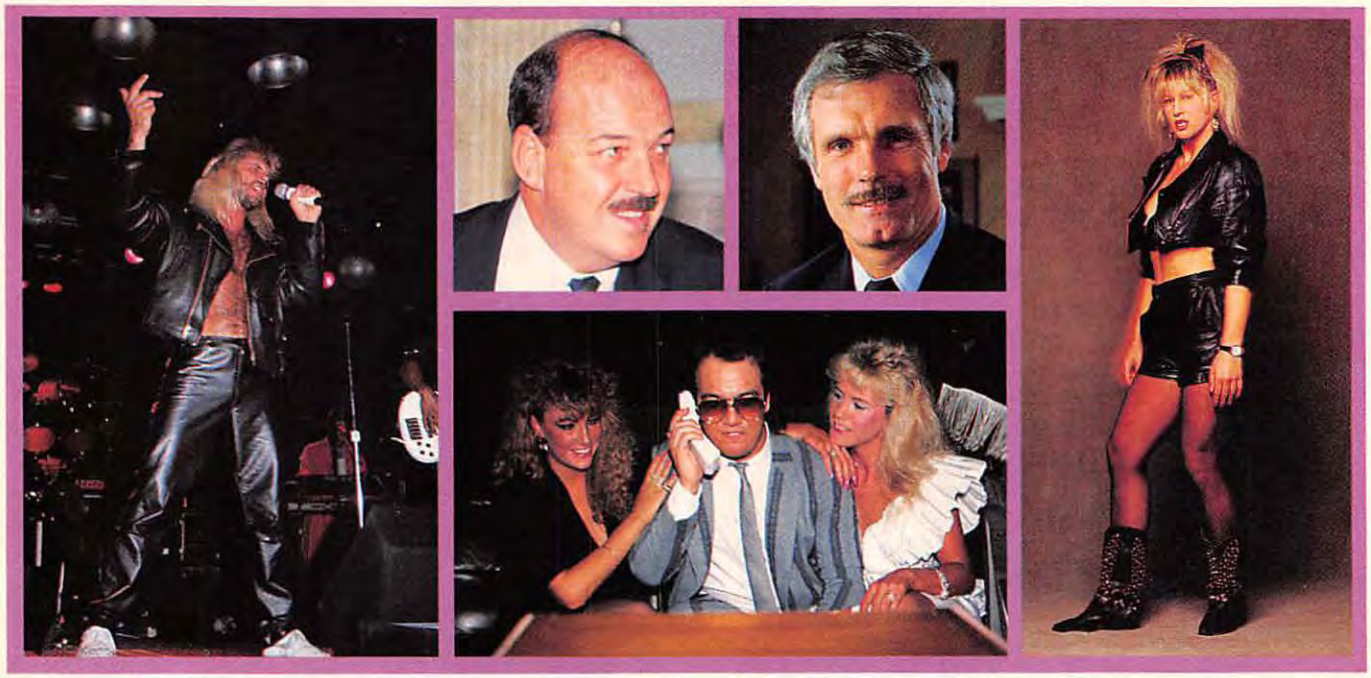
—Dave Szymanak, Johnson City, NY

Power & Glory will win the WWF tag team title from **The Hart Foundation**, who will then lose to **The Legion of Doom** . . . **Saddam Hussein** will come to the WWF and team with **Sgt. Slaughter** and **Gen. Adnan** . . . **Gene**









Okerlund will get a toupee . . . A new team called **2 Live Crew** will come to the NWA and beat **Doom** for the tag team title . . . **Kevin Von Erich** will go to the WWF and team with his brother **Kerry** . . . **El Gigante** will finally beat a top contender . . . **Demolition** will dump **Crush** . . . **Jesse Ventura** will return to the WWF as a commentator . . . **Earthquake** will give **Vince McMahon** several "earthquakes," hopefully putting him out of wrestling for good . . . **The Master Blasters** will take a shower.

—Randy Garza, Edinburg, TX

Tugboat will become a rulebreaker . . . **Sid Vicious** will get dumped by **The Four Horsemen** . . . **Eric Embry** will debut in the NWA . . . **Vince McMahon** will develop a permanent case of laryngitis, thankfully . . . The ring at the Royal Rumble will collapse . . . **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** will turn against **The Steiners** . . . **Paul Ellering** will hire a team to go after **The Legion of Doom** . . . **Arn Anderson's** TV title will turn green from the mold it has grown in his breadbox.

—Brian Spradlin, Chicago

Pez Whatley will be clotheslined during a match and a piece of candy will come out of his neck . . . ICW wrestler **Hoss** will be joined by **Adam**, **Little Joe**, and **Ben** . . . **Cactus Jack** will become mayor of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico . . . **Steve Austin** will go to the WWF and be known as **Ted DiBiase's** brother, **The Six-Million-Dollar Man** . . . **Billy Jack Haynes** will guest-star on *Twin Peaks* . . . **The Barbarian** will avoid wrestling in states where deer hunting is popular . . . After seeing the success of **Tim Conway's** "Dorf On Golf" videotape series, **Paul Orndorff** will start his own series of videos: " 'Dorff On Bowling" . . . **Ted Turner** will colorize old black-and-white wrestling footage from the 1950s . . . **Jim Neidhart** will lose 20 pounds on the "Deal-A-Meal" diet plan . . . **Paul E. Dangerously** will continue his constant switches between managing and broadcasting . . . **Kevin Von Erich** will retire.

—Jeff Sharkey, Hortonville, WI

Ted Turner will decide if his promotion is named the National Wrestling Alliance or World Championship Wrestling . . . *The Bobby Heenan Show* will return to the USA Network, but this time with **Gorilla Monsoon** as co-host . . . **Jim Ross** will allow **Doom** to wrestle one match without reminding us that **Ron Simmons** played football at Florida State . . . **Bobby Heenan** will wrestle **Big Bossman's** mother in a grudge match at WrestleMania VII, but she will actually be **Ronnie Garvin** in drag . . . The USWA will create a new title: World fireball champion . . . The AWA will institute a new rule that bans all physical contact between wrestlers.

—Matt Talley, El Segundo, CA

Arn Anderson will actually defend the television title and lose it to **Brian Pillman** . . . **The Steiners** will regain the NWA World tag team title from **Doom** . . . **The Freebirds** will hold a near-sellout concert in a 25-seat auditorium in Cleveland . . . **Randy Savage** will put **The Ultimate Warrior** out of action for six weeks following a vicious sneak-attack involving a tube of toothpaste, a Siamese hooting owl, and a shower caulker . . . **Dusty Rhodes** will publicly humiliate his son **Dustin** on national television by showing his baby pictures in which Dustin closely resembles a small, potbellied pig.

—Dean Roll, Lebanon, OH

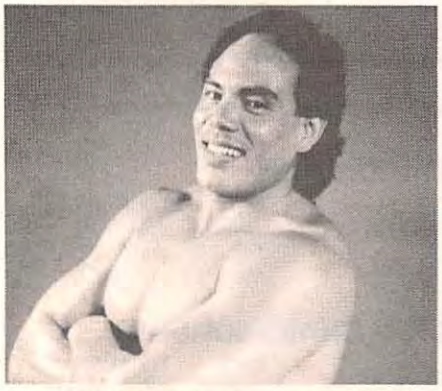
The Great Muta will make his return to the NWA by taking the U.S. title from **Stan Hansen** in Tokyo; he will go on to become one of the most popular wrestlers in the federation . . . **Chris Von Erich** will stun the wrestling world by cleanly pinning **The Ultimate Warrior** for the WWF title in his WWF debut . . . **Terrance Garvin** will enter the LPWA . . . **Sting** will defeat **Larry Zbyszko** to become the unified NWA-AWA champion . . . **Randy Savage** will drop **Sensational Sherri** and hire **Madusa Miceli** as his manager . . . **The Legion of Doom** will take **Warlord** as their third member, and **Demolition** will retaliate by bringing in **Paul Ellering** as their manager.

—Erik Chapla, Port St. Lucie, FL □

PWI SUPERSTATS

TITLE CHANGES: 1990

The following is a cumulative listing of all title changes to have taken place in 1990 up to press time. For a thorough up-to-date listing of these championships—and many more—look to the "Roll Call Of Champions" in each monthly issue of ***Inside Wrestling*** *magazine.*



ICW champion Vic Steamboat

Former AWA World champion Mr. Saito

ALL-JAPAN ASIAN TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Dan Kroffat & Doug Furnas	Toshikaki Kawada & Samson Fuyuki	March 2	Nagoya, Japan
Tiger Mask & Kenta Kobashi	Dan Kroffat & Doug Furnas	April 9	Okayama, Japan
Shinichi Nakano & Akira Taue	Davey Boy Smith & Johnny Smith*	June 5	Chiba, Japan
Johnny Ace & Kenta Kobashi	Bobby Fulton & Tommy Rogers**	Sept. 8	Fukui, Japan

*tournament final match; the title was declared vacant on May 15 when Tiger Mask decided he wanted to challenge Jumbo Tsuruta for the triple-crown of championships—All-Japan International, All-Japan United National, and Pacific Wrestling Federation titles; about two weeks after this match took place, the title was again vacated when Nakano left the All-Japan promotion to compete in the Super World Sports promotion

**tournament final; see footnote above

ALL-JAPAN INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Terry Gordy	Jumbo Tsuruta	June 5	Chiba, Japan
Stan Hansen	Terry Gordy	June 8	Tokyo
Terry Gordy	Stan Hansen	July 17	Ishikawa, Japan
Stan Hansen	Mitsuharu Misawa*	July 27	Matsudo, Japan

*Hansen and Misawa were declared the top two contenders following Gordy's vacating of the title due to his hospitalization for an undisclosed ailment

ALL-JAPAN TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Steve Williams & Terry Gordy	Stan Hansen & Genichiro Tenryu	March 6	Tokyo
Jumbo Tsuruta & Kabuki*	Steve Williams & Terry Gordy	July 19	Takeo, Japan

*title vacated on July 27 when Kabuki left the All-Japan promotion to compete in the Super World Sports promotion

ALL-JAPAN UNITED NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Terry Gordy	Jumbo Tsuruta	June 5	Chiba, Japan
Stan Hansen	Terry Gordy	June 8	Tokyo
Terry Gordy	Stan Hansen	July 17	Ishikawa, Japan
Stan Hansen	Mitsuharu Misawa*	July 27	Matsudo, Japan

*Hansen and Misawa were declared the top two contenders following Gordy's vacating of the title due to his hospitalization for an undisclosed ailment

AWA LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Buck Zumhofe	Jonnie Stewart*	Aug. 12	Rochester, MN

*tournament final to determine champion for reactivated title

AWA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Mr. Saito	Larry Zbyszko	Feb. 10	Tokyo
Larry Zbyszko	Mr. Saito	April 8	St. Paul, MN

AWA WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
The Trooper & D.J. Peterson	The Destruction Crew	Aug. 11	Rochester, MN

ICW CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Vic Steamboat	Tony Atlas	July 24	Middletown, NY

ICW TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
The Undertakers	Phil Apollo & Eric Sbracchia*	March 31	Charlton, MA

*tournament final; title previously held by Dennis Condrey & Doug Gilbert was held up due to protests regarding using alternates in title defenses

IWGP CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Riki Choshu	Big Van Vader	Aug. 19	Tokyo

IWGP INTERNATIONAL TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
The Great Muta & Masa Chono	Mr. Saito & Shinya Hashimoto	April 27	Tokyo Bay, Japan
Kensuke Sasaki & Hiroshi Hase	The Great Muta & Masa Chono	Nov. 2	Tokyo

IWGP JR. HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Jushin Riger	Naoki Sano	Jan. 31	Tokyo
The Pegasus Kid	Jushin Riger	Aug. 19	Tokyo
Jushin Riger	The Pegasus Kid	Nov. 2	Tokyo

NWA TV champion Arn Anderson

PNW TV champion Scotty the Body

PWF and U.S. champion Stan Hansen

NWA TV CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Arn Anderson	The Great Muta	Jan. 2	Gainesville, GA

NWA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Sting	Ric Flair	July 7	Baltimore

NWA WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Doom	Rick & Scott Steiner	May 19	Washington, DC

PACIFIC NORTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Curtis Thompson	Scotty the Body	Feb. 3	Portland, OR
Brian Adams	Larry Oliver*	April 21	Portland, OR
Scott Norton	Brian Adams	May 12	Portland, OR
Scotty the Body	The Grappler**	June 2	Portland, OR
The Grappler	Scotty The Body***	Aug. 4	Portland, OR
Steve Doll	The Grappler	Nov. 10	Portland, OR

*tournament final; title had been held up following a March 30 title defense by Thompson during which Scotty the Body put his feet on the ropes for leverage

**title had been declared vacant a week earlier when Norton attacked eight wrestlers; PNW officials ordered the title be filled by a one-match "tournament" between the two top contenders

***title had been declared vacant a week earlier when a match between Scotty the Body and The Grappler turned into a veritable battle royal

PACIFIC NORTHWEST TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Rex King & Steve Doll	Grappler & Brian Adams	Jan. 27	Portland, OR
Beetlejuice & Big Juice	Brian Adams & The Grappler*	March 31	Portland, OR
Curtis Thompson & Ricky Santana	Beetlejuice & Big Juice	May 12	Portland, OR
Beetlejuice & Big Juice	Curtis Thompson & Ricky Santana	June 23	Portland, OR
Al Madril & Ricky Santana	Steve Doll & Scott Norton**	Aug. 25	Portland, OR
Larry & Rip Oliver	Al Madril & Ricky Santana	Sept. 29	Portland, OR
The Grappler & The Equalizer	Larry & Rip Oliver	Nov. 3	Portland, OR

*tournament final; the title was vacated during the first week of February when King & Doll left the Pacific Northwest to wrestle in the USWA

**this match between the two top contending teams was held to fill the title vacated on June 30 when "Big Juice" Jeff Warner lost a loser-leaves-PNW match to Ricky Santana

PACIFIC NORTHWEST TV CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Al Madril	Rex King	Jan. 25	Salem, OR
Ricky Santana	Al Madril	Feb. 24	Portland, OR
Scotty the Body	Ricky Santana	March 17	Portland, OR

PACIFIC WRESTLING FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Terry Gordy	Jumbo Tsuruta	June 5	Chiba, Japan
Stan Hansen	Terry Gordy	June 8	Tokyo
Terry Gordy	Stan Hansen	July 17	Ishikawa, Japan
Stan Hansen	Mitsuharu Misawa*	July 27	Matsudo, Japan

*Hansen and Misawa were declared the top two contenders following Gordy's vacating of the title due to his hospitalization for an undisclosed ailment

PWF (FLORIDA) TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
The Nasty Boys	Bounty Hunter I & Terminator	Jan. 6	Nassau, Bahamas
Robert Fuller & Kendall Windham	Brian Knobs & Hurricane Walker*	April 12	Tampa, FL
Mike Graham & Joe Gomez	Robert Fuller & Kendall Windham	May 8	Tampa, FL
Mark Starr & Sgt. Rock	Hurricane Walker** & Joe Gomez	Sept. 13	Tampa, FL

*substituting for Jerry Sags

**substituting for Mike Graham

U.S. CHAMPIONSHIP

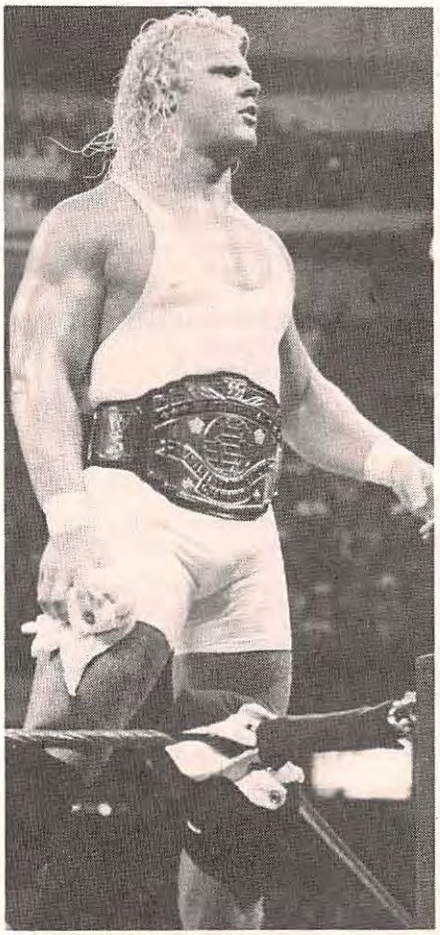
WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Stan Hansen	Lex Luger	Oct. 27	Chicago

U.S. TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Brian Pillman & Tom Zenk	Michael Hayes & Jim Garvin*	Feb. 12	Rainsville, AL
The Midnight Express	Brian Pillman & Tom Zenk	May 19	Washington, DC
Rick & Scott Steiner	The Midnight Express	Aug. 24	East Rutherford, NJ

*tournament final to determine champions of reinstated title

Former USWA champion Jerry Lawler



Former WWF I-C champion Curt Hennig

USWA CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Jerry Lawler	King Cobra	Jan. 8	Memphis
Jimmy Valiant	Jerry Lawler	April 28	Memphis
Jerry Lawler	Jimmy Valiant	May 5	Memphis
The Snowman	Jerry Lawler	June 18	Memphis
Jerry Lawler	Austin Idol*	Oct. 8	Memphis
Terry Funk	Jerry Lawler	Nov. 5	Memphis

***21-man tournament final; Snowman was stripped of the belt on August 27 after he was injured and could not defend the belt within a 30-day period**

USWA SOUTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Jeff Jarrett	Dick Slater*	Oct. 6	Nashville, TN
Eddie Gilbert	Jeff Jarrett	Oct. 29	Memphis

***Slater was declared champion of the reinstated title in late September by USWA officials**

USWA TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Rex King & Steve Doll	Robert Fuller & Brian Lee	Feb. 6	Louisville, KY
B. Brown & S.D. Falcone*	Rex King & Steve Doll	April 28	Memphis
Rex King & Steve Doll	B. Brown & S.D. Falcone	May 21	Memphis
Tony Anthony & Tom Burton	Rex King**	June 2	Memphis
Rex King & Joey Maggs	Tony Anthony & Tom Burton	June 23	Memphis
Brian Lee & Don Harris	Rex King & Joey Maggs	Aug. 11	Memphis
Jeff Jarrett & Jeff Gaylord	Brian Lee & Chuck Casey***	Sept. 3	Memphis
Don Harris & Brian Lee	Jeff Jarrett & Jeff Gaylord	Sept. 10	Memphis
Jeff Jarrett & Jeff Gaylord	Don Harris & Brian Lee	Sept. 17	Memphis
Doug Gilbert & Tony Anthony	Jeff Jarrett & Jeff Gaylord	Oct. 6	Memphis

***Brickhouse Brown and Sweet Daddy Falcone; abbreviated for space purposes**
****Steve Doll did not make it to the arena for this match, so King took on Anthony and Burton in a handicap title defense**
*****Casey substituted for Don Harris**

USWA TEXAS CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Kerry Von Erich	Jerry Lawler	Jan. 5	Dallas
Matt Borne	Kerry Von Erich	May 25	Dallas
Kerry Von Erich	Matt Borne	June 1	Dallas
Angel of Death	Kerry Von Erich*	July 13	Dallas

***via forfeit; Von Erich had been attacked by bodybuilder Rod Price before the match and was unable to compete; title subsequently deactivated in September**

WWF INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Curt Hennig	Tito Santana*	April 23	Austin, TX
Kerry Von Erich	Curt Hennig	Aug. 27	Philadelphia

***tournament final; title vacated in April by Ultimate Warrior following his WWF World title victory over Hulk Hogan at WrestleMania VI**

WWF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
The Ultimate Warrior	Hulk Hogan	April 1	Toronto

WWF WORLD TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

WON BY	WON FROM	DATE	LOCATION
Demolition	Andre the Giant & Haku	April 1	Toronto
The Hart Foundation*	Demolition	Aug. 27	Philadelphia

***The Rockers beat The Hart Foundation in a best-of-three-falls match for the title on October 30 in Ft. Wayne, Indiana; the belts were returned to the Foundation a week later when WWF President Jack Tunney ruled that a collapsed ring rope hampered the efforts of both teams in the match**

CHAMPIONS 1990: THE HONOR ROLL

The following champions have held their titles throughout all of 1990 and continue to hold their championships as of press time:

CANDI DEVINE
Won AWA World women's title in a tournament final over Judy Martin on December 6, 1989, in Toronto

MASANOBU FUCHI
Won All-Japan junior heavyweight title from Joe Malenko on October 20, 1989, in Nagoya, Japan

STEVE KEIRN
Won PWF (Florida) title from Kendall Windham on July 9, 1989, in Orlando, Florida

MADUSA MICELI
Won IWA (Japan) women's title in a tournament final over Beastie on September 14, 1989, in Kumamoto, Japan

BIG VAN VADER
Won UWA (Mexico) title from El Canek on November 22, 1989, in Mexico City

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: *PAST WINNERS*

This is a listing of all the Achievement Award winners and runners-up from past years. It should be noted that runners-up were not reported in our magazines until the 1976 awards, presented in ***Victory Sports Series 1977 Wrestling Annual #18****. Most categories stretch back to 1972, when the awards were first instituted. A few don't; this is because the award for Most Improved Wrestler was created in 1978, while Feud of the Year was instituted in 1986. The Editors' Award was first presented in 1981. We have also listed the winners and runners-up of three awards no longer presented annually: Woman Wrestler of the Year and Midget Wrestler of the Year, both of which were suspended following the 1976 awards, and Announcer of the Year, awarded in 1977 only.*

Ric Flair

WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

1989: Ric Flair
Runners-up: Hulk Hogan (1), Lex Luger (2), Rick Steamboat (3)
1988: Randy Savage
Runners-up: Jerry Lawler (1), Lex Luger (2), Ric Flair (3)
1987: Hulk Hogan
Runners-up: Ric Flair (1), Randy Savage (2), Steve Williams (3)
1986: Ric Flair
Runners-up: Hulk Hogan (1), Randy Savage (2), Nikita Koloff (3)
1985: Ric Flair
Runners-up: Hulk Hogan (1), Rick Martel (2), Sgt. Slaughter (3)
1984: Ric Flair
Runners-up: Hulk Hogan (1), Kerry Von Erich (2), Rick Martel (3)
1983: Harley Race
Runners-up: Nick Bockwinkel (1), Andre the Giant (2), Bob Backlund (3)
1982: Bob Backlund
Runners-up: Ric Flair (1), Hulk Hogan (2), Jimmy Snuka (3)
1981: Ric Flair
Runners-up: Bob Backlund (1), Tommy Rich (2), Dusty Rhodes (3)
1980: Bob Backlund
Runners-up: Harley Race (1), Verne Gagne (2), The Iron Sheik (3)
1979: Harley Race
Runners-up: Dusty Rhodes (1), Jimmy Snuka (2), Bob Backlund (3)
1978: Dusty Rhodes
Runners-up: Bob Backlund (1), Rick Steamboat (2), Harley Race (3)
1977: Dusty Rhodes
Runners-up: Superstar Graham (1), Bob Backlund (2), Harley Race (3)
1976: Terry Funk
Runners-up: Bruno Sammartino (1), Nick Bockwinkel (2), Paul Jones (3)
1975: Mr. Wrestling II
1974: Bruno Sammartino
1973: Jack Brisco
1972: Pedro Morales

TAG TEAM OF THE YEAR

1989: Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson
Runners-up: Demolition (1), The Road Warriors (2), Jim Garvin & Michael Hayes (3)
1988: The Road Warriors
Runners-up: The Midnight Express (1), Demolition (2), Tully Blanchard & Arn Anderson (3)
1987: The Midnight Express
Runners-up: The Hart Foundation (1), The Road Warriors (2), The Rock 'n' Roll Express (3)
1986: The Rock 'n' Roll Express
Runners-up: The Road Warriors (1), The British Bulldogs (2), The Midnight Rockers (3)
1985: The Road Warriors
Runners-up: Ted DiBiase & Steve Williams (1), Ivan & Nikita Koloff (2), The British Bulldogs (3)
1984: The Road Warriors
Runners-up: Kerry, Kevin, & Mike Von Erich (1), The Fabulous Ones (2), The Rock 'n' Roll Express (3)
1983: The Road Warriors
Runners-up: Kerry, Kevin, & David Von Erich (1), Michael Hayes, Terry Gordy, & Buddy Roberts (2), Jack & Jerry Brisco (3)
1982: Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell
Runners-up: Mr. Fuji & Mr. Saito (1), The Freebirds (2), Ole Anderson & Stan Hansen (3)
1981: The Fabulous Freebirds
Runners-up: Rick Martel & Tony Garea (1), Mr. Fuji & Mr. Saito (2), Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell (3)
1980: Jimmy Snuka & Ray Stevens
Runners-up: Mr. Wrestling & Mr. Wrestling II (1), The Samoans (2), Verne Gagne & Mad Dog Vachon (3)
1979: Ivan Putski & Tito Santana
Runners-up: Jerry & Johnny Valiant (1), Paul Jones & Baron Von Raschke (2), The Spoiler & Mark Lewin (3)
1978: Rick Steamboat & Paul Jones
Runners-up: The Yukon Lumberjacks (1), Mike Graham & Steve Keirn (2), Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell (3)
1977: Gene & Ole Anderson
Runners-up: Mr. Fuji & Prof. Tanaka (1), Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell (2), Ric Flair & Greg Valentine (3)
1976: The Executioners
Runners-up: Gene & Ole Anderson (1), Billy White Wolf & Chief Jay Strongbow (2), Jimmy & Johnny Valiant (3)
1975: Gene & Ole Anderson
1974: Jimmy & Johnny Valiant
1973: Nick Bockwinkel & Ray Stevens
1972: Bruiser & Crusher

MATCH OF THE YEAR

1989: Ric Flair vs. Rick Steamboat *(Flair wins his sixth NWA World title)*
Runners-up: Hulk Hogan vs. Randy Savage (1), Ric Flair vs. Rick Steamboat (2), Eric Embry vs. P.Y. Chu-Hi (3)
1988: Andre the Giant vs. Hulk Hogan *(Andre wins WWF World title)*
Runners-up: Sting vs. Ric Flair (1), Jerry Lawler vs. Curt Hennig (2), Ultimate Warrior vs. Honky Tonk Man (3)
1987: Rick Steamboat vs. Randy Savage *(Steamboat wins WWF I-C title)*
Runners-up: War Games/The Match Beyond I (1), Hulk Hogan vs. Andre the Giant (2), Ronnie Garvin vs. Ric Flair (3)
1986: Dusty Rhodes vs. Ric Flair *(Dusty wins NWA World title at Great American Bash)*
Runners-up: The British Bulldogs vs. Greg Valentine & Brutus Beefcake (1), The Road Warriors vs. Ronnie Garvin & Magnum T.A. (2), Hulk Hogan vs. Paul Orndorff (3)
1985: Hulk Hogan & Mr. T vs. Roddy Piper & Paul Orndorff *(Wrestlemania I)*
Runners-up: The Road Warriors vs. Ivan & Nikita Koloff (1), Ric Flair vs. Nikita Koloff (2), Rick Martel vs. Bob Backlund (3)
1984: Kerry Von Erich vs. Ric Flair *(Von Erich captures NWA World title)*
Runners-up: Rick Martel vs. Jumbo Tsuruta (1), Hulk Hogan vs. The Iron Sheik (2), Ric Flair vs. Rick Steamboat (3)
1983: Harley Race vs. Ric Flair *(Race wins seventh NWA World title)*
Runners-up: Rick Steamboat & Jay Youngblood vs. Sgt. Slaughter & Don Kernodle (1), Don Muraco vs. Pedro Morales (2), Tommy Rich vs. Buzz Sawyer (3)
1982: Bob Backlund vs. Jimmy Snuka *(cage match)*
Runners-up: Bob Backlund vs. Ric Flair (1), Nick Bockwinkel vs. Otto Wanz (2), Nick Bockwinkel vs. Otto Wanz (3)
1981: Andre the Giant vs. Killer Khan
Runners-up: Ric Flair vs. Dusty Rhodes (1), Bob Backlund vs. Don Muraco (2), Michael Hayes vs. Terry Gordy (3)
1980: Bruno Sammartino vs. Larry Zbyszko *(cage match)*
Runners-up: Andre the Giant vs. Hulk Hogan (1), Verne Gagne vs. Nick Bockwinkel (2), Dusty Rhodes vs. Bob Backlund (3)
1979: Dusty Rhodes vs. Harley Race *(Rhodes wins NWA World title)*
Runners-up: Bob Backlund vs. Pat Patterson (1), Nick Bockwinkel vs. Bob Backlund (2), Mr. Wrestling II vs. Ernie Ladd (3)
1978: Bob Backlund vs. Superstar Graham *(Backlund wins WWF World title)*
Runners-up: Blackjack Mulligan vs. Ric Flair (1), Dusty Rhodes vs. Superstar Graham (bullrope match) (2), Rick Steamboat vs. Ric Flair (3)
1977: Superstar Graham vs. Bruno Sammartino *(Graham wins WWF World title)*
Runners-up: Dusty Rhodes vs. Superstar Graham (1), Andre the Giant vs. Ric Flair (2), Greg Gagne vs. Bob Backlund (3)
1976: Bruno Sammartino vs. Stan Hansen
Runners-up: Terry Funk vs. Rocky Johnson (1), Nick Bockwinkel vs. Baron Von Raschke (2), Andre the Giant vs. Abdullah the Butcher (3)
1975: Bruno Sammartino vs. Spiros Arion
1974: Dory Funk Jr. vs. Jack Brisco
1973: Harley Race vs. Dory Funk Jr. *(Race wins first NWA World title)*
1972: Bruno Sammartino wins 22-man Los Angeles battle royal

FEUD OF THE YEAR

1989: Ric Flair vs. Terry Funk
Runners-up: Hulk Hogan vs. Randy Savage (1), Akbar's Army vs. Eric Embry (2), Roddy Piper vs. Rick Rude (3)
1988: Ric Flair vs. Lex Luger
Runners-up: Rick Rude vs. Jake Roberts (1), Kerry Von Erich vs. Jerry Lawler (2), Hulk Hogan & Randy Savage vs. Ted DiBiase & Andre the Giant (3)
1987: Four Horsemen vs. Superpowers & Road Warriors
Runners-up: Randy Savage vs. Rick Steamboat (1), Jerry Lawler vs. Tommy Rich & Austin Idol (2), Brian Adias vs. Kevin Von Erich (3)
1986: Hulk Hogan vs. Paul Orndorff
Runners-up: Ric Flair vs. Dusty Rhodes (1), The Sheepherders vs. The Fantastics (2), The Midnight Express vs. The Rock 'n' Roll Express (3)

MOST POPULAR WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

1989: Hulk Hogan
Runners-up: Ric Flair (1), Sting (2), The Ultimate Warrior (3)
1988: Randy Savage
Runners-up: Hulk Hogan (1), Sting (2), Lex Luger (3)
1987: Dusty Rhodes
Runners-up: Hulk Hogan (1), Randy Savage (2), Nikita Koloff (3)
1986: Roddy Piper
Runners-up: Hulk Hogan (1), Rick Morton (2), Nikita Koloff (3)
1985: Hulk Hogan
Runners-up: Magnum T.A. (1), Kerry Von Erich (2), Tito Santana (3)
1984: Kerry Von Erich
Runners-up: Hulk Hogan (1), Dusty Rhodes (2), Sgt. Slaughter (3)
1983: Jimmy Snuka
Runners-up: Dusty Rhodes (1), David Von Erich (2), Junkyard Dog (3)
1982: Andre the Giant
Runners-up: Tommy Rich (1), Hulk Hogan (2), Dusty Rhodes (3)
1981: Tommy Rich
Runners-up: Bob Backlund (1), Andre the Giant (2), Dusty Rhodes (3)

1980: Mr. Wrestling II
Runners-up: Dusty Rhodes (1), Andre the Giant (2), Bruno Sammartino (3)
1979: Dusty Rhodes
Runners-up: Andre the Giant (1), Ivan Putski (2), Mr. Wrestling II (3)
1978: Dusty Rhodes
Runners-up: Andre the Giant (1), Rick Steamboat (2), Bob Backlund (3)
1977: Andre the Giant
Runners-up: Dusty Rhodes (1), Bob Backlund (2), Mil Mascaras (3)
1976: Wahoo McDaniel
Runners-up: Chief Jay Strongbow (1), Mr. Wrestling II (2), Ivan Putski (3)
1975: Mil Mascaras
1974: Billy Robinson
1973: Chief Jay Strongbow
1972: Jack Brisco/Fred Curry (tie)

MOST HATED WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

1989: Randy Savage
Runners-up: Terry Funk (1), Rick Rude (2), Lex Luger (3)
1988: Andre the Giant
Runners-up: Barry Windham (1), Eddie Gilbert (2), Ted DiBiase (3)
1987: Ric Flair
Runners-up: Andre the Giant (1), Honky Tonk Man (2), Lex Luger (3)
1986: Paul Orndorff
Runners-up: Ric Flair (1), Col. DeBeers (2), Rick Rude (3)
1985: Roddy Piper
Runners-up: Chris Adams (1), Ted DiBiase (2), John Studd (3)
1984: Roddy Piper
Runners-up: Kevin Sullivan (1), Tully Blanchard (2), The Iron Sheik (3)
1983: Greg Valentine
Runners-up: Masked Superstar (1), Kevin Sullivan (2), Michael Hayes (3)
1982: Ted DiBiase
Runners-up: Blackjack Mulligan (1), Superstar Graham (2), Buzz Sawyer (3)
1981: Ken Patera
Runners-up: Don Muraco (1), Nick Bockwinkel (2), Roddy Piper (3)
1980: Larry Zbyszko
Runners-up: Greg Valentine (1), Ernie Ladd (2), Hulk Hogan (3)
1979: Greg Valentine
Runners-up: Terry Funk (1), Ken Patera (2), Ivan Koloff (3)
1978: Ric Flair
Runners-up: Ken Patera (1), Victor Rivera (2), Bob Orton Jr. (3)
1977: Ken Patera
Runners-up: Ric Flair (1), Superstar Graham (2), Nick Bockwinkel (3)
1976: Stan Hansen
Runners-up: Ox Baker (1), Terry Funk (2), The Spoiler (3)
1975: Greg Valentine
1974: The Great Mephisto
1973: Superstar Graham
1972: The Sheik

MOST IMPROVED WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

1989: Scott Steiner
Runners-up: Brutus Beefcake (1), Jeff Jarrett (2), P.Y. Chu-Hi (3)
1988: Sting
Runners-up: The Ultimate Warrior (1), Iceman Parsons (2), Jeff Jarrett (3)
1987: Curt Hennig
Runners-up: Al Perez (1), Honky Tonk Man (2), Sting (3)
1986: Terry Gordy
Runners-up: Scott Hall (1), Sam Houston (2), Wendell Cooley (3)
1985: Steve Williams
Runners-up: Brian Adias (1), Nikita Koloff (2), Randy Savage (3)
1984: Billy Jack Haynes
Runners-up: Magnum T.A. (1), Rick Martel (2), Ronnie Garvin (3)
1983: Brett Wayne Sawyer
Runners-up: Mike Rotundo (1), Pez Whatley (2), Brad Rheingans (3)
1982: Barry Windham
Runners-up: Otto Wanz (1), Buzz Sawyer (2), Rick Martel (3)
1981: Kevin Sullivan
Runners-up: Sgt. Slaughter (1), Charlie Cook (2), Tito Santana (3)
1980: Tony Atlas
Runners-up: Larry Zbyszko (1), Ted DiBiase (2), Kerry Von Erich (3)
1979: Tommy Rich
Runners-up: Eddy Mansfield (1), Kevin Von Erich (2), Ted DiBiase (3)
1978: Dino Bravo
Runners-up: Bob Backlund (1), Rick Steamboat (2), Tony Atlas (3)

INSPIRATIONAL WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

1989: Eric Embry
Runners-up: Nikita Koloff (1), Billy Jack Haynes (2), Ric Flair (3)
1988: Jerry Lawler
Runners-up: Kerry Von Erich (1), Road Warrior Animal (2), Jake Roberts (3)
1987: Nikita Koloff
Runners-up: Dynamite Kid (1), Chris Adams (2), Superstar Graham (3)
1986: Chris Adams
Runners-up: Magnum T.A. (1), Kerry Von Erich (2), Steve Williams (3)
1985: Mike Von Erich
Runners-up: Paul Orndorff (1), Hacksaw Duggan (2), Kevin Von Erich (3)
1984: Sgt. Slaughter
Runners-up: Kerry Von Erich (1), Kevin Von Erich (2), Bob Backlund (3)
1983: Hulk Hogan
Runners-up: Roddy Piper (1), Buzz Sawyer (2), Buddy Rose (3)
1982: Roddy Piper
Runners-up: Jimmy Snuka (1), Mil Mascaras (2), Jimmy Valiant (3)
1981: Bob Backlund
Runners-up: Ted DiBiase (1), Tito Santana (2), Mr. Wrestling II (3)
1980: Junkyard Dog
Runners-up: Rick Steamboat (1), Verne Gagne (2), Mr. Florida (3)
1979: Chief Jay Strongbow
Runners-up: Ric Flair (1), Mr. Wrestling II (2), Dusty Rhodes (3)
1978: Blackjack Mulligan
Runners-up: Bruno Sammartino (1), Mr. Wrestling II (2), Jim Brunzell (3)
1977: Bob Backlund
Runners-up: Don Muraco (1), Bruno Sammartino (2), Terry Funk (3)
1976: Bruno Sammartino
Runners-up: Wahoo McDaniel (1), Bob Roop (2), Bob Armstrong (3)
1975: Mike McCord
1974: Dick Murdoch
1973: Johnny Valentine
1972: Lord Al Hays

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

1989: Mike Enos & Wayne Bloom
Runners-up: Dustin Rhodes (1), Scotty the Body (2), Johnathan Holliday (3)
1988: Madusa Miceli
Runners-up: Chris Benoit (1), Max Pain (2), Scott Steiner (3)
1987: Owen Hart
Runners-up: Big Bubba Rogers (1), Shane Douglas (2), Doug Furnas (3)
1986: Lex Luger
Runners-up: Bam Bam Bigelow (1), Sting (2), Tom Magee (3)
1985: Nord the Barbarian
Runners-up: Kendall Windham (1), Dan Spivey (2), Sam Houston (3)
1984: Mike Von Erich
Runners-up: Nikita Koloff (1), Krusher Khrushchev (2), Kevin Kelly (3)
1983: Angelo Mosca Jr.
Runners-up: King Kong Bundy (1), Scott Armstrong (2), Arn Anderson (3)
1982: Brad Armstrong
Runners-up: Tiger Mask (1), Mike Rotundo (2), Kamala (3)
1981: David Sammartino
Runners-up: Brad Rheingans (1), Curt Hennig (2), Ron Richie (3)
1980: Terry Taylor
Runners-up: Barry Windham (1), Rick McGraw (2), Tom Prichard (3)
1979: Sweet Brown Sugar
Runners-up: Steve Travis (1), Bryan St. John (2), Eddie Gilbert (3)
1978: Tommy Rich
Runners-up: Jay Youngblood (1), David Von Erich (2), Tully Blanchard (3)
1977: Rick Steamboat
Runners-up: Jimmy Snuka (1), John Studd (2), Skip Young (3)
1976: Bob Backlund
Runners-up: Chavo Guerrero (1), Steve Keirn (2), Johnny Rivera (3)
1975: Ric Flair
1974: Larry Zbyszko
1973: Cowboy Bob Orton/Tony Garea (tie)
1972: Mike Graham

MANAGER OF THE YEAR

1989: Bobby Heenan
Runners-up: Gary Hart (1), Teddy Long (2), Gen. Skandor Akbar (3)
1988: J.J. Dillon
Runners-up: Elizabeth (1), Jim Cornette (2), Paul E. Dangerously (3)
1987: Jimmy Hart
Runners-up: J.J. Dillon (1), Jim Cornette (2), Paul E. Dangerously (3)
1986: Capt. Lou Albano
Runners-up: Paul Ellering (1), Elizabeth (2), Jim Cornette (3)
1985: Jim Cornette
Runners-up: Capt. Lou Albano (1), Paul Ellering (2), Bobby Heenan (3)
1984: Paul Ellering
Runners-up: Jimmy Hart (1), Jim Cornette (2), James J. Dillon (3)
1983: James J. Dillon
Runners-up: Sheik Adnan Al-Kaissie (1), Capt. Lou Albano (2), Paul Ellering (3)
1982: James J. Dillon
Runners-up: Arnold Skaaland (1), Sonny King (2), Jimmy Hart (3)

Lou Albano

1981: Capt. Lou Albano
Runners-up: Arnold Skaaland (1), Sir Oliver Humperdink (2), The Grand Wizard (3)
1980: Sir Oliver Humperdink
Runners-up: Arnold Skaaland (1), Capt. Lou Albano (2), The Great Mephisto (3)
1979: Arnold Skaaland
Runners-up: Capt. Lou Albano (1), Buddy Rogers (2), Sir Oliver Humperdink (3)
1978: Arnold Skaaland
Runners-up: The Grand Wizard (1), Bobby Heenan (2), Gary Hart (3)
1977: The Grand Wizard
Runners-up: Bobby Heenan (1), Capt. Lou Albano (2), Lord Al Hays (3)
1976: Bobby Heenan
Runners-up: Lou Albano (1), Fred Blassie (2), Gary Hart (3)
1975: George "Crybaby" Cannon
1974: Capt. Lou Albano
1973: The Grand Wizard
1972: Bobby Heenan

PWI EDITORS' AWARD

1989: Gordon Solie
1988: Bruiser Brody & Adrian Adonis
1987: Paul Boesch
1986: Verne Gagne
1985: Dan Shocket
1984: David Von Erich
1983: The Grand Wizard
1982: Lou Thesz
1981: Bruno Sammartino

CURRENTLY DEFUNCT CATEGORIES

WOMAN WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

1976: Sue Green
Runners-up: Kitty Adams (1), Early Dawn (2), Vicki Williams (3)
1975: Ann Casey
1974: Rachel DuBois
1973: Joyce Grable
1972: Maria Laverne

MIDGET WRESTLER OF THE YEAR

1976: Lord Littlebrook
Runners-up: Sky Low Low (1), Cowboy Lang (2), Diamond Lil (3)
1975: Sky Low Low
1974: Darling Dagmar
1973: Little Beaver
1972: Little Bruiser

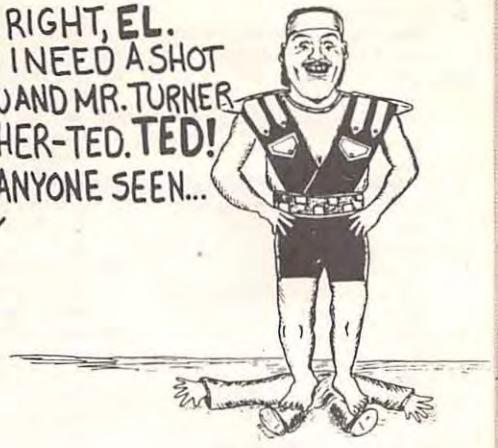
ANNOUNCER OF THE YEAR

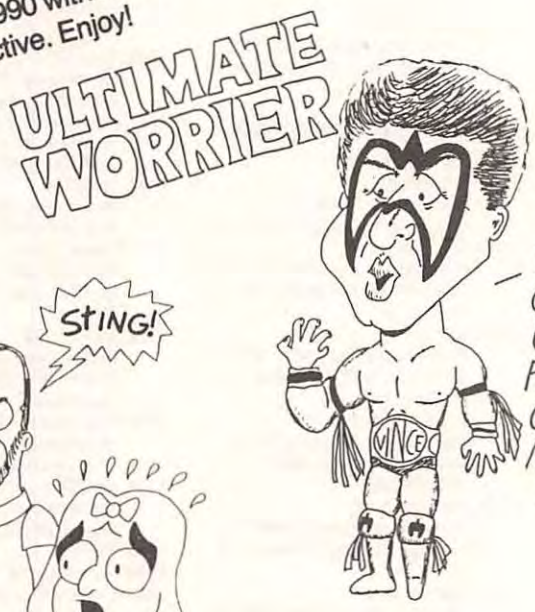
1977: Gordon Solie
Runners-up: Vince McMahon (1), Bill Carlisle (2), Roger Kent (3)

STEVE ANDERSON'S VIEW:

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The cartoon feature, "Steve Anderson's View," appears monthly in our sister publication, ***The Wrestler.*** For this special year-end issue of ***Pro Wrestling Illustrated,*** we invited Steve to look back on 1990 with his own unique style and perspective. Enjoy!

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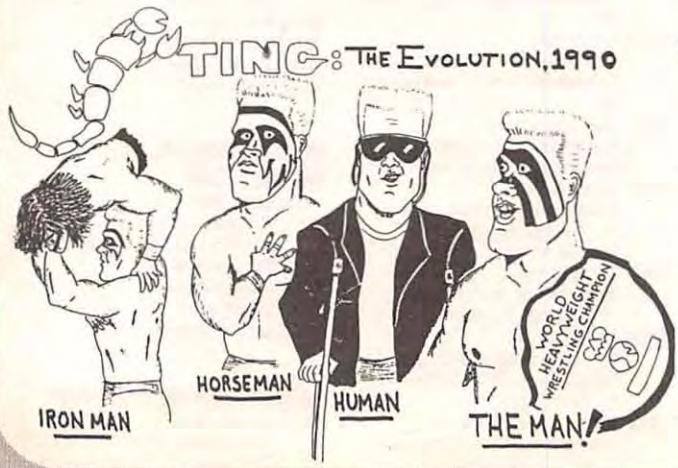

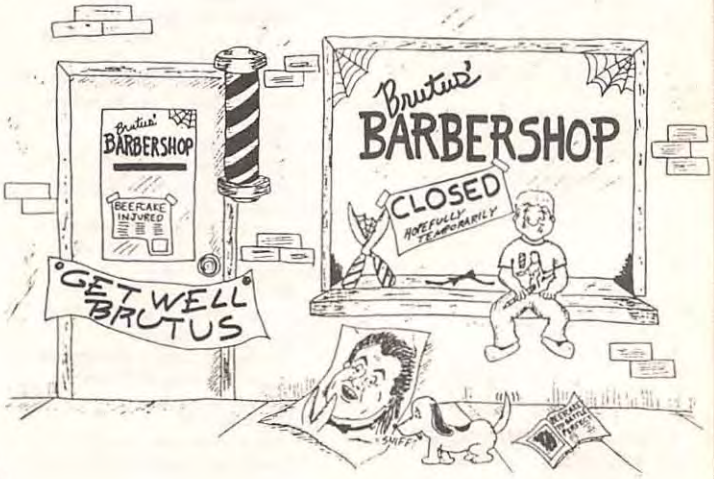

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LADDER OF SUCCESS
WIN TAG TEAM TITLE
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LOSE MASKS
LOSE HAIR

THE AWA REGRETFULLY PRESENTS:
"THE 'INNOVATIVE' CONCEPT THAT WOULDN'T LEAVE!"
VERNE. BE A PAL AND GET ME A FEW MORE OF THESE.
YAWN BOY, IS IT GETTIN' LATE OR WHAT.
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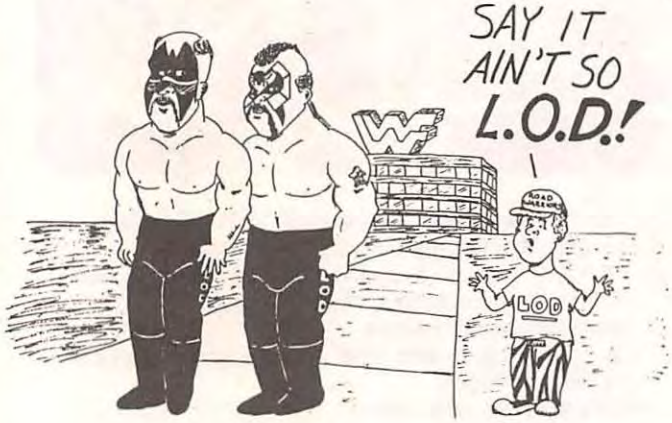
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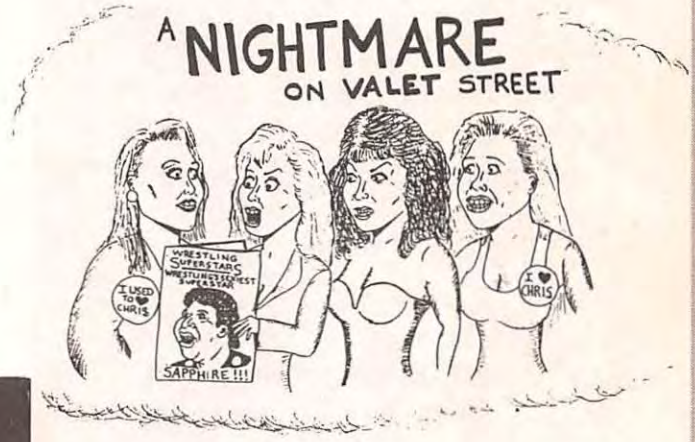
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WE HARDLY KNEW YOU...
JACK PESEK
PAT O'CONNOR
"HAYSTACKS" CALHOUN
"WHIPPER" BILL WATSON
"BRONKO" NAGURSKI

THE TOP 10 REASONS WHY WE'RE PRINTING YOUR "TOP 10 REASONS" LISTS

10: The "Top 10 Reasons . . ." feature on *Late Night With David Letterman* is now popular enough for us to steal

9: We figure any feature that our readers write for us is that much less work *we* have to do

8: Half of Steve Anderson's cartoons got accidentally burned in a fire and we had to cut his space allotment in half

7: Eddie Ellner had a list he wanted printed in this issue, and didn't want to do it in his "Off The Top Rope" column

6: We get a kickback from the U.S. Postal Service for generating as much mail from our readers as possible

5: We figured you didn't have enough to do for this issue by voting for the Achievement '90 awards

4: . . . or coming up with "Unofficial/Official Awards"

3: . . . or Predictions for 1991

2: We wanted to see what you think about them to find out if we should make this an annual feature

AND THE NUMBER-ONE REASON WHY WE'RE PRINTING YOUR "TOP 10" LISTS:

1: We needed to kill two pages in this year-end issue

The Top 10 Reasons Ric Flair Gives For Losing The NWA World Title To Sting

10: Was worried about the dent in his limousine door

9: The glow off Sting's hair blinded him

8: Was thinking of his postmatch date with Sapphire

7: Was enjoying the ceiling design of the Baltimore Arena one second too long

6: Scott Steiner

5: Wanted to get home in time to catch the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles in concert

4: Designer jock was riding up on him

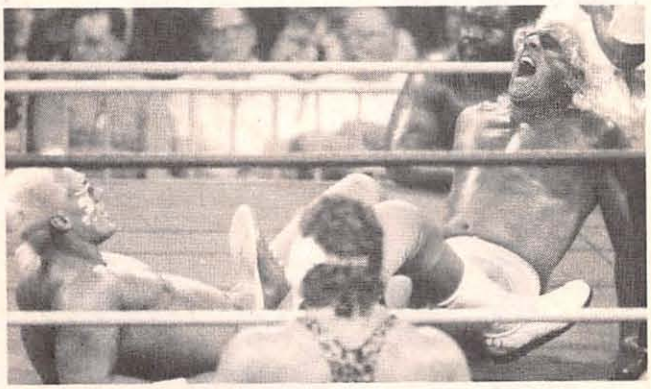
3: Prematch meal of nachos and chili backed up on him

2: He was looking forward to the annual Four Horsemen Fourth of July picnic

And The Number-One Reason Ric Flair Gives For Losing The NWA World Title To Sting:

1: Thought he was wrestling Sting the singer

—Don Hall, Baldwin, KS



The Top 10 Reasons Why WrestleMania VII Will Be A Bust

10: Roseanne Barr will sing "America The Beautiful"

9: The Honky Tonk Man & Greg Valentine will defend the WWF World tag team title against The Ding Dongs

8: Jesse Ventura won't be there

7: Billy Travis will defend the WWF wimp title against Joel Deaton in a "first cry" match

6: Gorilla Monsoon *will* be there

5: So will Vince McMahon and Lord Al Hays

4: Haku will defend the WWF Intercontinental title against Tommy Rich

3: The pay-per-view will cost $49.95

2: Kerry Von Erich will defend the WWF World title against Moondog Rex

And The Number-One Reason Why WrestleMania VII Will Be A Bust:

1: Thirty seconds before the opening bell, the biggest rainstorm this side of Noah's Ark will begin

—Jon J. Martin, Bremen, IN

The Top 10 Ways To Improve The NWA

10: Buy Stan Hansen a bib

9: Give smaller wrestlers a title to shoot for

8: Re-hire Rocky King for his old job: substitute ringpost

7: Squeeze as much potential out of up-and-coming star The Juicer as possible

6: Melt the TV title belt down for the value of the metal

5: Don't even *consider* bringing Johnny Weaver back as commentator

4: Have Norman get in his truck and hit the road

3: Never ask AWA President Joe "Stone-Age Ideas" Blanchard for advice

2: Get Dutch Mantel a wardrobe contract with a clothing store

And The Number-One Way To Improve The NWA:

1: Use the Bill Watts/UWF philosophy: Have Ted Turner don the tights periodically

—Jeff Sharkey, Hortonville, WI

The Top 10 Reasons Why Dusty Rhodes Moved To The WWF

10: He needed a new place to graze
9: He thought that his merchandise would actually sell
8: He thought he could escape publicity from being on *America's Most Pitiful*
7: He wanted to compare his stomach to Andre the Giant's
6: He wanted to try something new: humiliation
5: He wanted to make enough money to help Taco Bell, because he heard they were going bankrupt
4: He pretty much wrecked all the other wrestling organizations
3: He wondered what it would be like to actually wrestle real wrestlers
2: He thought WWF stood for Wide World of Food

And The Number-One Reason Why Dusty Rhodes Moved To The WWF:

1: He really *does* have a price
—Joseph Self, Kansas City, Missouri

The Top 10 Pet Peeves Of The Four Horsemen

10: If you're "once a Horseman, always a Horseman," there really are Nine Horsemen
9: They can never figure out which one of them is Famine, which one is Pestilence . . .
8: The hole in the ozone layer
7: The Stud Stable has hurt more people
6: They were actually fan favorites at one time
5: They don't get their pictures on ice cream bars like the guys in the WWF
4: If they hadn't kicked Sting out when he got the shot at the World title, they'd still have the World champion
3: Their bleach doesn't get their socks really white
2: People who bug their dressing rooms

And The Number-One Pet Peeve Of The Four Horsemen:

1: Hulk Hogan makes more than all of them combined
—David Fisher, Lexington, MA

The Top 10 Reasons Why It's Better To Watch A Wrestling Match Than It Is To Go To School

10: You can wear the same clothes every day
9: There is never any homework
8: You can curse out loud and not get detention
7: You only have to learn how to count to three
6: If someone gets in your way at the video store you can suplex them
5: Names like The Ultimate Warrior, El Gigante, and Earthquake are cooler than Franklin Roosevelt, Betsy Ross, and George Bush
4: Without an education, you will remain stupid and dependent on your parents and be able to watch wrestling in your little room forever
3: Since a steady diet of wrestling will hopelessly narrow your world view, you will become a social retard and never go out on dates—but you'll never have to worry about contracting any sexually transmitted diseases
2: The Road Warriors never went to school

And The Number-One Reason Why It's Better To Watch A Wrestling Match Than It Is To Go To School:

1: Dusty Rhodes went to *college*
—Eddie Ellner, New York

The Top 10 Reasons People Watch WWF Television Broadcasts

10: They're hoping that, after 15 years in broadcasting, Vince McMahon will up his vocabulary to third-grade level
9: They're looking for future presidential candidates
8: They couldn't get tickets to the circus, so they thought they would stay home and watch one on television
7: They thought they were watching *Let's Make A Deal*
6: Because they're under hypnosis
5: They thought they were watching the "no wrestling, all talk" network
4: They're hoping to see Vince McMahon wear something other than a black, red, or yellow suit
3: They're waiting for the announcement of when WrestleMania X will be
2: They were learning how not to referee a wrestling match

And The Number-One Reason People Watch WWF Television Broadcasts:

1: They're hoping the sound will go off so they can enjoy what little wrestling there is
—Matthew Peaco, Bridgton, ME

The Top 10 Reasons Why Sting Won't Remain NWA World Champion Through 1991:

10: S
9: I
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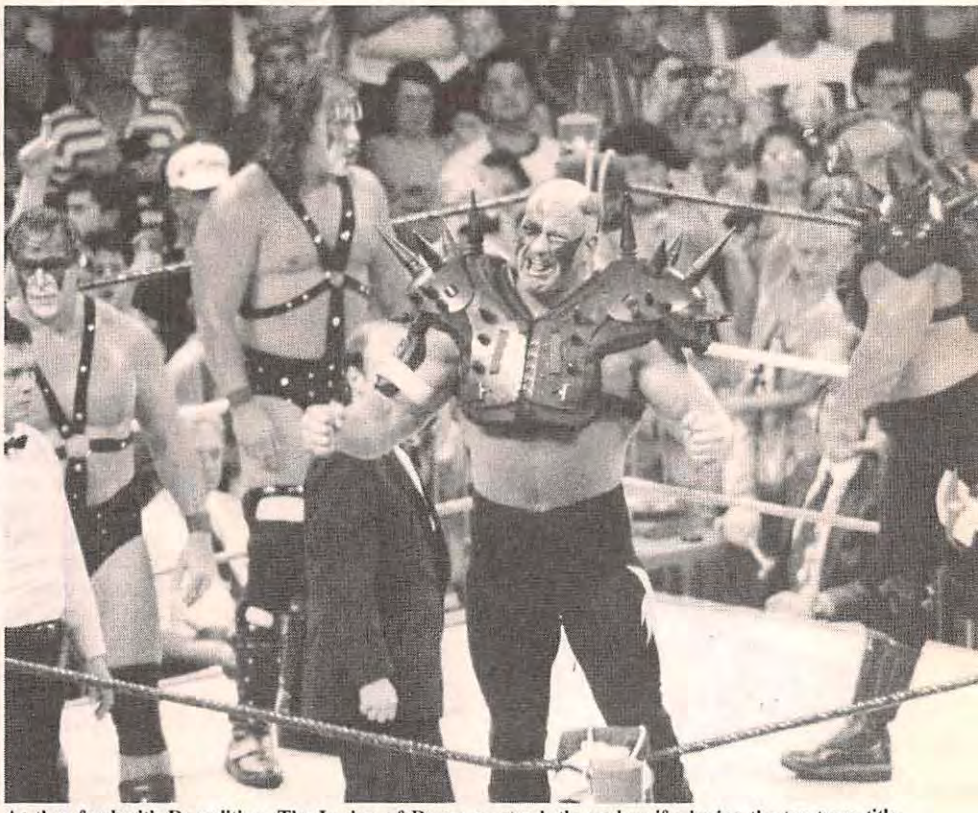

As they feud with Demolition, The Legion of Doom must ask themselves if winning the tag team title is worth risking fan support, writes reader Brad Belote.

the Warriors from getting matches against the Steiners was the fans. Hawk and Animal were not willing to risk the fans' support for title matches they could have won.

What it boils down to is this: Hawk and Animal, which is more important to you—the fans or a title?

BRAD BELOTE
Kingsport, TN

SCARY SHERRI

Good thing The Ultimate Warrior hasn't beaten up Sensational Sherri, as you speculated he may have had to do ("Can The Ultimate Warrior Resist The Urge To Beat Up Sensational Sherri?" January 1991). I think Warrior is smart enough to know the consequences of such an action. He doesn't want to risk everything he has achieved in his brilliant career.

The truth is, Sherri should not be out there provoking the Warrior. She should be banned from ringside because she is such a menace. When are we going to learn that this woman is a lot more dangerous than we've thought she was?

MARIA NOBEL
King of Prussia, PA

BOCKWINKEL'S CLASS

Amen to Bob Smith's column on Nick Bockwinkel ("The Steel Cage," January 1991). Nick Bockwinkel truly was a champion in every sense of the word. Yes, he sometimes bent and broke the rules with Bobby Heenan as his manager, but that should not distract from the fact that Bockwinkel was a great technical wrestler who knew more holds and maneuvers than just about anybody.

I agree with what Smith wrote about The Ultimate Warrior, too. The man barely knows how to talk. It's funny, but it's also sad. Warrior should conduct himself in

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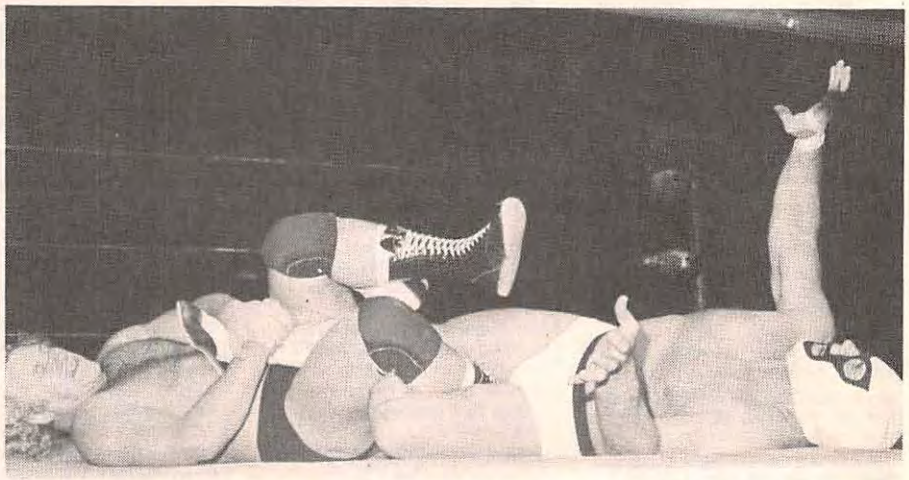


Nick Bockwinkel defends the AWA World title against Mr. Wrestling II. Reader Zach Newmark says Bockwinkel's rulebreaking tactics should not detract from the fact that he was a fine wrestler.

accordance with his position, not grunt like a idiot. Oh, well, I suppose one can't expect him to have a simple command of the English language.

ZACH NEWMARK
Albuquerque, NM

THE PRIVATE STING

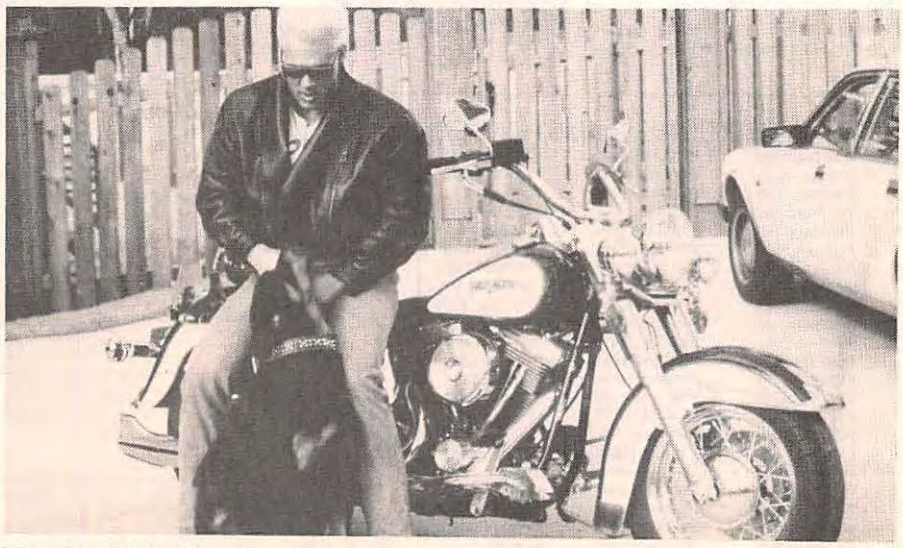
I really enjoyed "The Private Side: A Day Off With NWA World Champion Sting" (January 1991). It was fun to see a typical day in the life of the champion. Sting definitely possesses a special charisma that so few have. I don't think there's anyone quite like him.

WILMA PERKINS
Reno, NV

SHIP AHOY!

I just had to write and say how impressed I've been by Tugboat all through this past year. What he did for Hulk Hogan was just wonderful; I don't think you'd find too many wrestlers willing to start a letter-writing campaign on behalf of a fellow wrestler. This is what makes Tugboat so special.

Tugboat will hopefully have even greater success this year. Maybe he'll win a title, though that will be hard because there aren't many belts to win in the WWF. It would be fantastic if he and Hulk teamed to win the tag team championship. They'd be nearly unbeatable.



Sting plays with his dog, Sage. Reader Wilma Perkins enjoyed our "Private Side" with the NWA World champion and his pooch.

Tugboat (vs. Greg Valentine) brings honor to the WWF, says reader Michael Perriman.

Tugboat, may you always have smooth sailing. Toot, toot!

MICHAEL PERRIMAN
Newark, NJ

END OF THE HORSEMEN

I've given a lot of thought to the future of The Four Horsemen, and I've decided that they won't last through 1991. Here's why:

First of all, Vicious will leave because the Horsemen showed no confidence in him when they hatched that "impostor Sting" plot. If they really thought he could take the "Stinger," they wouldn't have tried something so sinister.

More importantly, all these men have enormous egos. This is the year these egos finally clash. Remember, during most of the Horsemen's glory days, Ric Flair was World champion. Now he isn't anymore, and the tension he feels because of that must be putting his cohorts on edge.

And what about Barry Windham? Is he a Horsemen or not? Before his stint as the fake Sting, he was nowhere to be found, and we haven't seen much of him afterward, either. I don't think he's very dedicated to the group.

The Four Horsemen were great once, but not anymore. It's as simple as that.

DOUGLAS HALLOR
Deerfield Beach, FL☐

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Funk upset "The King" for the title on November 5 in Memphis. However, the wily Texan didn't get the job done alone.

After Lawler and Funk had engaged in a wild brawl throughout the Mid-South Coliseum, **Eddie Gilbert** appeared at ringside and threw a chain to Funk. When Lawler spotted Gilbert on the apron, he nailed "Hot Stuff" with several punches. When Lawler turned around, he was belted by Funk, who had wrapped the chain around his fist. Funk then rolled up Lawler for the winning pinfall.

Eddie Gilbert's interference on behalf of Terry Funk cost Jerry Lawler the USWA title on November 5 in Memphis. Lawler says he never should have allowed Gilbert to distract him.

"I totally blame myself for this loss," said a somber Lawler after the defeat. "First, I allowed myself to get suckered into a brawl, and that's really Funk's style of match. Second, I forgot that Funk and Gilbert were in cahoots, and I should never have paid any attention to Eddie. But I've learned my lesson, and I'm sure I can regain that title if Funk is man enough to give me a shot at it."

Can you believe the drastic change in **Mike Rotundo**? For months, he's been among the NWA's most popular wrestlers. However, like **Ted DiBiase**, he's let a sudden financial windfall go to his head. Rotundo recently inherited several million dollars and now insists on being called **Michael Wall Street**. He even comes to the ring accompanied by **Alexandra York**, his "administrative assistant" who reportedly has computerized information on every wrestler in the NWA!

"No other wrestler has the inside information that I do," said Rotundo, who has invested heavily in electronics. "Before I go into every match, Alexandra's portable computer provides me with everything I need to know about my opponents—even where they were born and where they went to school. I'm the first man to merge technology and wrestling, and it'll pay off when I cop that NWA World title."

Hulk Hogan has once again lent his support to a worthwhile cause. The two-time former WWF World champion helped lead a pack of thousands of motorcyclists for **Love Ride VII** on November 13 in California. The annual trek from Glendale to Malibu raised more than $825,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Also taking part in the event were rock stars **David Crosby** and **Jackson Browne**.

Georgia All-Star President **Gordon Clement** indefinitely suspended manager **Sheik Zatar** for trying to burn the U.S. flag during three different cards. Clement also suspended referee **Ralph Lincoln** after the arbiter openly sided with Zatar's men in several matches . . . Poor refereeing also

Georgia All-Star President Gordon Clement has taken tough action against the rulebreaking manager Sheik Zatar, and the referee who sided with Zatar's men.

The SAPW title was held up after two referees couldn't agree if champion Robert Fuller (above) had cleanly pinned Paul Jones.

caused the South Atlantic Pro Wrestling title to be vacated. Champion **Robert Fuller** defeated **Paul Jones** on November 12 in Morganton, North Carolina, but the two referees assigned to the match, **LeRoy Ramsey** and **Byron Richards**, got into an argument about the legality of the pinfall. SAPW officials ordered the belt be held up; a tournament will be held to fill the title vacancy.

Greg Valentine, late of the WWF, has decided to invade Puerto Rico. He's challenged **Carlos Colon** for the WWC Universal title . . . The IWA's weekly wrestling program can now be seen on the Hagan Sports Network, which is available to more than 30-million homes via cable television . . . **Big Van Vader** has turned good! The veteran came to the aid of **Rick Morton** and **Tommy Rich** after they were jumped by **Michael Hayes** and **Jim Garvin** during an NWA card.

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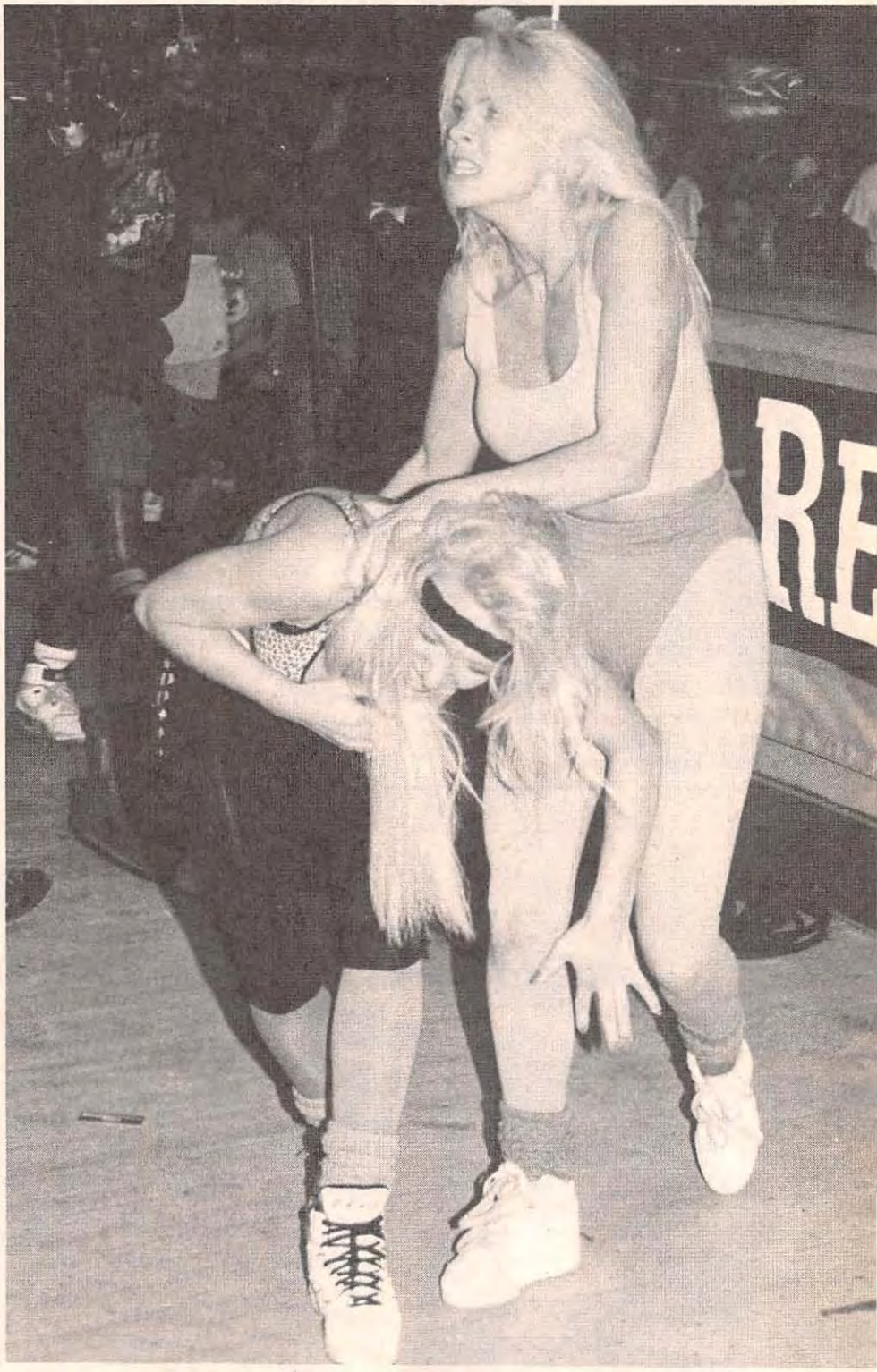

The bouts between Toni Adams and Jeannie Clark brought a lot of excitement to the USWA, but some fans say it's the kind of excitement wrestling can do without.

grace," said Anne Parker of Ft. Worth, Texas. "Jeannie and Toni had no business in the ring. If they want to fight in the ring, they should train as athletes. Leave wrestling to the wrestlers!"

"Let's face it," said Martin Leaven of Lincoln, Nebraska. "The USWA was getting pretty boring before that feud got going. Who would you rather watch wrestle: Jeannie and Toni or Skip Young and Angel of Death?"

When two women feel as strongly about their men as Toni

and Jeannie feel about Adams and Austin, a confrontation like this is almost inevitable. Maybe fighting it out in the ring is the best way to settle it. After all, no one *forced* them to wrestle.

The ongoing trials and tribulations of Jerry Lawler. "Poor Jerry," complained Eric Shubert of Eugene, Oregon. "Everybody in the USWA wants a piece of his hide. If it isn't Eddie Gilbert, it's Terry Funk. And if it isn't Funk, it's any one of a hundred guys."

"Look, Lawler brings this all on himself," countered Bob Johnson of Nashville, Tennessee. Living here, I see firsthand how Lawler struts around, acting like he owns Memphis. If he can't take the heat, he should retire!"

As the self-proclaimed "King," Lawler is and always will be the target of every rulebreaker within shouting distance of the Mid-South Coliseum. For many grapplers (and fans), Lawler *is* Memphis. And in nearly two decades as a pro, he has displayed remarkable resiliency and character. It won't be easy to pry the crown off his head.

Some of the people I called had much less serious concerns, like:

Why do your magazines spell Mike Rotunda's last name Rotundo?

When Mike was in the WWF, he spelled his surname "Rotundo." In the NWA, it's "Rotunda." It used to be "Rotondo." If he goes back to the WWF, he'll probably be Rotundo again. Lord knows what his birth certificate says.

Why do the WWF announcers allow Buddy Rose to claim he weighs only 217 pounds, when 317 is closer to the truth?

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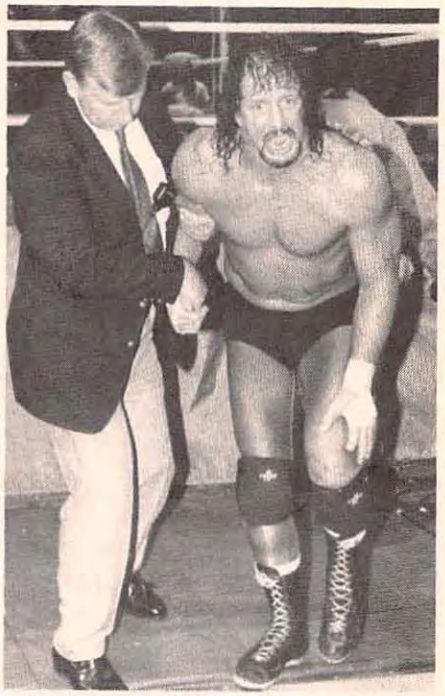

If Terry Funk had healthy knees he might be a world champion now, writes Stu Saks.

For Terry Funk: A new pair of knees. He'd be awesome.

For Mr. Wrestling: The Roman numeral "III" to follow his adopted monicker. How about a little respect for Tim "Mr. Wrestling" Woods and Mr. Wrestling II?

For Susan Sexton: Weighted heels so she can better keep her balance in the ring.

For Ivan and Nikita Koloff: Some counseling that would enable them to put aside their differences (I bet they don't even remember why they're fighting each other anymore) and be a family again.

For Ole Anderson: *The Cub Scout Handbook.* If you knew how to tie a knot properly, Sid Vicious would be NWA World champion right now.

For Hacksaw Duggan: A big, hairy splinter that hurts so much that he never wants to pick up a plank again.

For Missy Hyatt: Something that only the great and powerful Wizard of Oz can provide (and it's not a heart or courage).

For Earthquake: Something that

The arrogant "Model" Rick Martel used to be a nice guy, and maybe a humbling experience would change his perspective to the way he once was.

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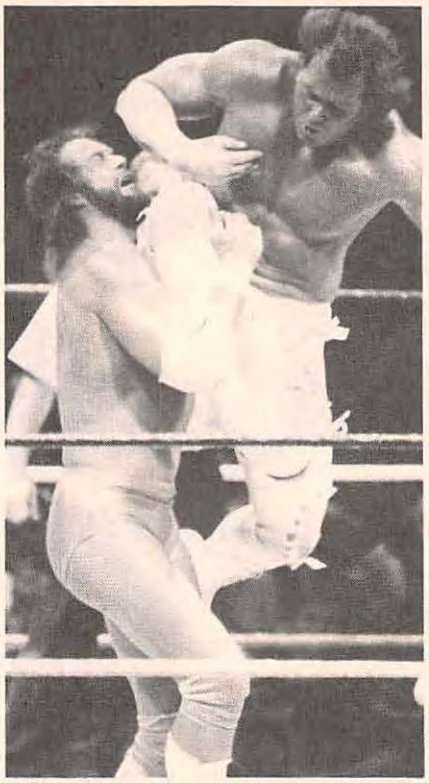
exploits led opponent Ken Timbs to lament, "Mascaras is old enough to be my father, but he wrestles like my son!" That's the stuff of inspiration.

And with allegiances changing every day, the categories of Most Hated and Most Popular are completely absurd. How about an award for the biggest yearly mood swing instead?

Only when it came to tag teams did the sheep vote correctly: Rick and Scott Steiner are the most exciting duo to grace rings since the 1985 British Bulldogs.

Finally, the Editors' Award went to Buddy Rogers the same way the Academy Award went to Paul Newman a few years ago. Rogers hasn't done anything specifically to deserve the award (like die, in past years a prerequisite), but the editors felt they owed him something.

I wish the editors felt like they owed me something: like three weeks paid vacation in the Caribbean.



Don't hound Brutus Beefcake (above, vs. Randy Savage) to come back; let him recuperate in peace. The AWA, featuring Larry Zbyszko vs. Nikita Koloff (right), also needs to recuperate.

Dear Eddie,

It must be very difficult for you to watch Kerry Von Erich rise to stardom in the WWF. Your criticism of the Von Erich family, and Kerry in particular, sounds a bit ridiculous, doesn't it? Of course it would take a real man to admit he's been wrong, so I'm not holding my breath for an apology. I'll save my energy to cheer for Kerry as he piles up win after win and title after title.

AMELIA SANDERS
Chesapeake Bay, MD

Dear Amelia,

I guess it's a trend we must accept in all professional sports. An athlete puts in one good season (in Von Erich's case, five lousy months), and they're immediately elevated to superstar status. All I know is that I sat at ringside and watched a very unconscious Von Erich snooze on his back for two full minutes while Curt Hennig tried to wake up the referee to make the pin count. I guess it's just coincidence that Kerry receives the same courtesies from officials he enjoyed down in Texas. Skill? Barely. Luck? In buckets.

Dear Eddie,

Why doesn't the WWF start a comeback campaign for Brutus Beefcake? The one for Hogan was successful, and compared to Brutus' injuries, Hogan's were very minor. I think the federation should give fans the opportunity to show Brutus how much they support him. I'm sure it would help his recovery.

TOM AARON
Scottdale, PA

Dear Tom,

Because the press is so enamored with the bald giant, when Hulk Hogan shaves the WWF can parlay it into a profitable media event. Beefcake's injuries (and his rehabilitation, which is progressing well), are not marquee material. Which is all the better. There is enough exploitation in the ring as it is without carting out Beefcake's tragic tale for higher ratings. With a shattered face, the last thing "The Barber" needs is the constant surveillance of WWF TV cameras. Send him a get-well card and let him heal in peace, ghoul.

Dear Eddie,

Whatever happened to the AWA? How did a once-proud and mighty federation allow itself to be systematically reduced to an accumulation of over-the-hill, overweight, barely breathing grapplers?

ROBBIE YOUNG
Fortuna, CA

Dear Robbie,

The AWA roster at one time read like the lineup of an all-star game (broadcast over ESPN no less): Stan Hansen, Rick Martel, Curt Hennig, The Road Warriors, The Rockers,

Hulk Hogan, Jesse Ventura, The Freebirds—need I continue? Stuff happens, Robbie. Bad management, poor planning, an inability to anticipate fan needs, low salaries, complacency. One need only look at the New York Yankees to see that it happens in every sport to every team eventually. Some teams never recover, so they wither and die. Right now the AWA is on life-support systems, and unless they pull a few rabbits from beneath Nikita Koloff's fur collar, the federation of Verne Gagne, Killer Kowalski, and Edouard Carpentier will become a sad footnote in wrestling history. □

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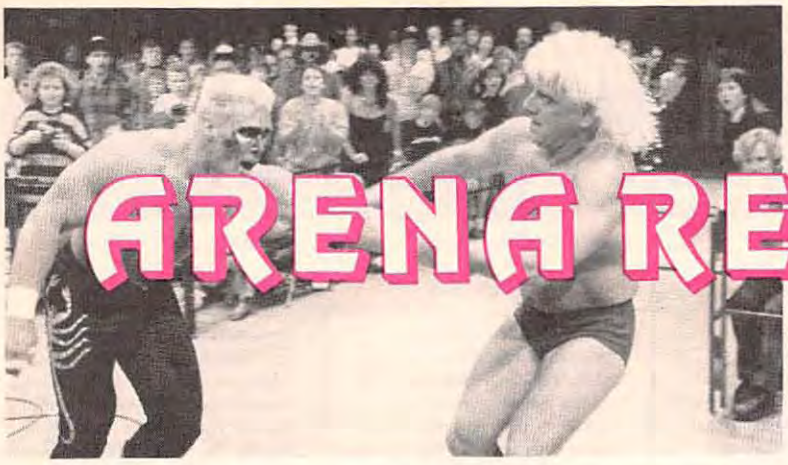

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ARIZONA

PHOENIX—Complete results of a WWF card at the Arizona State Fair: **Jimmy Snuka** pinned **Barry O** ... **Steve Lombardi** beat **Dale Wolfe** ... **Hercules** defeated **Marty Jannetty** ... **Ted DiBiase** pinned **Dusty Rhodes** ... **Tugboat** pinned **Dino Bravo** ... **Shane Douglas** defeated **"Playboy" Buddy Rose** ... **Hacksaw Duggan** defeated **Earthquake** by disqualification when **Dino Bravo** interfered.
(10-11-90)

—Eric Parnell

CALIFORNIA

RESEDA—Complete results of a UWF television taping at the Reseda Country Club: **Ivan Koloff** pinned **Stephen DeLeon** ... **The Bounty Hunter** beat **Mike Moore** ... **Nikita Koloff** used a Russian sickle to finish off and pin **Riki Ataki** ... **Cactus Jack** used his feet on the ropes to pin **David Sammartino** after he used a foreign object to knock him out ... **Ken Patera** used a swinging full-nelson to force **Robbie Alan** to quit ... **Paul Orndorff** beat **Bob Orton** by countout ... **Billy Jack Haynes** used a full-nelson to force **Gary Keys** to submit ... **Paul Orndorff** pinned **Matt Starr** after a devastating piledriver ... **Brian Blair** beat **The Bounty Hunter** ... **Bob Orton** used a superplex to beat **Mike Moore** ... **The Viking** pinned **The Patriot** ... **Ivan Koloff** and **Nikita Koloff** battled to a 10-minute draw ... **Paul Orndorff** pinned **Gary Keys** ... **Cactus Jack** beat **Jay Strongbow Jr.** by disqualification when **David Sammartino** interfered; **Jack Armstrong** ran in to help Cactus and all four battled back to the dressing room ... **David Sammartino** pinned **Riki Ataki** ... **Bob Orton** pinned **Matt Starr** ... **The Viking** beat **Kevin Benjamin** ... **Ken Patera** beat **Billy Jack Haynes** by disqualification when Haynes accidentally hit the referee.
(10-11-90)

—Jane Errenate

COLORADO

DENVER—Complete results of a WWF card here: **Lanny Poffo** beat **Jim Brunzell** ... **Dustin Rhodes** pinned **Black Bart** following a bulldog headlock ... **Ron Garvin** used a cradle to pin **Mike Sharpe** ... **The Rockers** wrestled to a no-contest verdict against **Paul Roma** & **Hercules** ... **Sgt. Slaughter** forced **Nikolai Volkoff** to submit to a camel clutch ... **Big Bossman** pinned **The Barbarian** after a cradle ... **Hulk Hogan** beat **Earthquake** by disqualification when **Jimmy Hart** interfered.
(10-21-90)

—Mark Robinson

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON—Complete results of an NWA card at the D.C. Armory: **The Master Blasters** beat **Tim Horner** & **Mike Rotundo** when **Steel** pinned Horner ... **The Juicer** pinned **Pat Rose** after a "Lou Thesz press" ... **Dutch Mantel** pinned **Allen Iron Eagle** ... **Rick Morton** & **Terry Taylor** beat **The Midnight Express** ... **Junkyard Dog** pinned **Harley Race** after he reversed a flying bodypress ... NWA World tag team champions **Doom** battled to a double-disqualification against **Ric Flair** & **Arn Anderson** ... NWA World champion **Sting** pinned **The Black Scorpion.**
(10-06-90)

—Ray Ney

FLORIDA

DAYTONA BEACH—Complete results of a WWF card at the Ocean Center: **Ron Garvin** used a rollup to pin **Buddy Rose** ... **Dustin Rhodes** pinned **Lanny Poffo** after a bulldog headlock ... **Earthquake** pinned **Tugboat** after a series of splashes ... **Ted DiBiase** beat **Dusty Rhodes** by disqualification when Dusty clobbered DiBiase with the "million-dollar belt" after DiBiase had done the same to Rhodes ... **Saba Simba** used a "Samoan drop" to pin **Paul Diamond** ... **The Barbarian** pinned **Tito Santana** after reversing a rollup ... WWF World tag team champions **The Rockers** beat **Paul Roma** & **Hercules** when **Marty Jannetty** pinned **Paul Roma.**
(11-04-90)

—Ron Lemieux & Donna Hubbard

TAMPA—Complete results of a PWF card at the Sportatorium: Florida champion **Steve Keirn** teamed with referee **Mickey Jay** to defeat **Ron Slinker** and **Johnny G. Lyons** when Jay pinned Lyons ... **Lou Perez** beat **Mark Starr** by disqualification when Slinker interfered ... **Mighty Thor** beat **Sgt. Rock** with a powerslam ... **The Terminator** pinned **The Coconut Kid.**
(11-01-90)

—Shannon Rose

WEST PALM BEACH—Complete results of a WWF card at the Auditorium: **Dustin Rhodes** beat **Black Bart** ... **Davey Boy Smith** pinned **Haku** ... **Big Bossman** beat **The Barbarian** ... **Sgt. Slaughter** forced **Nikolai Volkoff** to submit to a camel clutch ... **Pez Whatley** beat **Bob Bradley** ... **The Warlord** beat **Ron Garvin** ... WWF World tag team champions **Bret Hart** & **Jim Neidhart** beat **Greg Valentine** & **Honky Tonk Man.**
(10-14-90)

—Duane Long & Donna Hubbard

ORLANDO—Complete results of a WWF card at the Arena: **Koko B. Ware** pinned **Boris Zukhov** after a dropkick from the top turnbuckle ... **Battle Cat** defeated **Bob Bradley** ... **Rick Martel** pinned **Tito Santana** ... **The Bushwhackers** beat **Pat Tanaka** & **Mr. Fuji** (who was substituting for **Akio Sato**) when **Butch Miller** pinned Fuji ... **Curt Hennig** beat Intercontinental champion **Kerry Von Erich** by countout ... **The Legion of Doom** & WWF World champion **The Ultimate Warrior** beat **Demolition** when Warrior pinned **Smash** after a series of clotheslines and a splash.
(10-13-90)

—Ron Lemieux & Donna Hubbard

ST. PETERSBURG—Complete results of an NWA card at the Bayfront Center: **The Juicer** pinned **The Kamikaze** ... **Tommy Rich** used the Lou Thesz press to beat **Pat Rose** ... **Terry Taylor** pinned **Dutch Mantel** after an elbow to the face ... **The Iron Priest** beat **El Diablo** ... **El Gigante** used a boot to the gut to finish off and pin **Dr. X** ... **The Master Blasters** beat **Tim Horner** & **Tom Zenk** ... NWA World champion **Sting** beat **The Black Scorpion** by countout ... U.S. tag team champions **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** beat **The Midnight Express.**
(10-12-90)

—Jeff Gorman

MELBOURNE—Complete results of an NWA card at the Auditorium: **The Juicer** pinned **Kamikaze** ... **Tommy Rich** pinned **Pat Rose** with a Lou Thesz press ... **Terry Taylor** pinned **Dutch Mantel** following a sunset flip ... **The Master Blasters** defeated **Tim Horner** & **Tom Zenk** when **Blade** pinned Horner ... **El Gigante** pinned **Dr. X** ... U.S. tag team champions **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** defeated **The Midnight Express** when Rick pinned **Bobby Eaton** ... NWA World champion **Sting** beat **The Black Scorpion** by countout.
(10-11-90)

—Ron Lemieux

TAMPA—Complete results of a PWF card at the Sportatorium: PWF champion **Steve Keirn** & **Lou Perez** beat **Ron Slinker** & **Sgt. Rock** ... **Dick Slater** beat PWF light heavyweight champion **Jim Backlund** in a non-title match ... **The Terminator** pinned **Bodyguard Mark** following a DDT ... **Powerhouse Parker** defeated **Mike Debacco** ... **Coconut Kid** beat **John Pavros.**
(10-11-90)

—Shannon Rose

TALLAHASSEE—Complete results of an NWA card at the Civic Center: **Scott Armstrong** pinned **Barry Horowitz** ... **Norman** beat **The Cuban Assassin** ... U.S. tag team champions **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** beat **James Earl Wright** & **Buddy Lee Parker** ... **Tom Zenk** pinned **The Iron Sheik** ... **Tommy Rich** defeated **Buddy Landell** ... **El Gigante** pinned **Dr. X** ... **Tracey Smothers** & **Steve Armstrong** beat **Michael Hayes** & **Jim Garvin** ... **Ron Simmons** beat **Terry Taylor** ... U.S. champion **Lex Luger** and challenger **Sid Vicious** battled to a wild double-countout ... NWA World champion **Sting** beat **The Black Scorpion.**
(10-04-90)

—Kenneth Growher

HOLLYWOOD—Complete results of an independent card at the Hollywood National Guard Armory: **"Dynamite" Dennis Allen** beat **Mike Taylor** ... **Neil "The Bomber" Allen** beat **Dan Kadone** ... **The Blackharts** defeated **"Dapper" Dan Evans** & **Bruno Sassi** ... **Bobby Brooks** beat **"Titan" Taz Apollo** ... **Gator B. Long** defeated **Tom "The Punisher" Nash** ... **Death Row** battled to a double-disqualification with **Rusty Brooks.**
(10-01-90)

—Harry Mansworth

GEORGIA

AUGUSTA—Complete results of a WWF card at the Augusta-Richmond County Civic Center: **Ronnie Garvin** defeated **Buddy Rose** ... **Saba Simba** pinned **Paul Diamond** following a reverse bodyslam ... **Earthquake** splashed and pinned **Tugboat** ... WWF World tag team champions **The Rockers** beat **Power & Glory** by disqualification when **Hercules** used his chain on **Marty Jannetty** ... **Pez Whatley** defeated **Lanny Poffo** ... **Tito Santana** downed **The Black Demon** with a sleeperhold ... **Dusty & Dustin Rhodes** defeated **Ted DiBiase & Virgil** when Dustin pinned Virgil after a bulldog.
(11-03-90)

—Ed Crawford

This special feature is for all fans who want to know who won and who lost . . . and how. In it, we present results from a full month of action across the nation and around the world, culled from the pages of the *Pro Wrestling Illustrated Weekly* newsletter; readers of *PWI Weekly* received these results just days after the cards took place. If you would like to join professional wrestling's largest network of correspondents, write to: "Arena Report" c/o *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*, Box 48, Rockville Centre, NY 11571.

COLUMBUS—Complete results of an NWA card at the Municipal Auditorium: **Terry Taylor** pinned **Dutch Mantel** . . . **Chris** & **Mark Youngblood** beat **The Iron Sheik** & **Barry Horowitz** . . . **Brad Armstrong** beat **Master Blaster Blade** . . . **Tom Zenk** beat **J.W. Storm** . . . **Arn Anderson** beat **Ron Simmons** by disqualification when **Butch Reed** interfered . . . U.S. tag team champions **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** beat **The Nasty Boys** . . . NWA World champion **Sting** beat U.S. champion **Stan Hansen** by disqualification when Hansen hit the referee.
(10-28-90)

—Andy Weinstrom

AUGUSTA—Complete results of an NWA card at the Augusta-Richmond County Civic Center: **Tommy Rich** pinned **The Iron Sheik** . . . **The Juicer** pinned **Barry Horowitz** . . . **Brian Pillman** pinned **Buddy Lee Parker** . . . **The Nasty Boys** defeated **The Southern Boys** when **Brian Knobs** pinned **Steve Armstrong** . . . NWA World tag team champions **Doom** battled to a double-countout against **Ric Flair** & **Arn Anderson** . . . NWA World champion **Sting** defeated **The Black Scorpion** by countout.
(10-19-90)

—Ed Crawford

ATLANTA—Complete results of an NWA card at The Omni: **The Juicer** pinned **Barry Horowitz** . . . **Norman** pinned **Dutch Mantel** . . . **Brad Armstrong** defeated **J.W. Storm** by disqualification . . . **Junkyard Dog** pinned **The Iron Sheik** . . . **The Black Scorpion** pinned **Brian Pillman** . . . U.S. tag team champions **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** defeated **The Nasty Boys** by disqualification . . . U.S. champion **Lex Luger** pinned **Sid Vicious** . . . In a no-disqualification "Texas tornado" match, NWA World tag team champions **Doom** battled **Ric Flair** & **Arn Anderson** to a double-countout.
(10-14-90)

—Ricie Head

ATLANTA—Complete results of a WWF card at The Omni: **Davey Boy Smith** defeated **Haku** . . . **Jimmy Snuka** beat **Warlord** by disqualification . . . **Sgt. Slaughter** defeated **Nikolai Volkoff** . . . WWF World tag team champions **The Hart Foundation** beat **The Honky Tonk Man** & **Greg Valentine** by disqualification . . . **Paul Diamond** defeated **Bob Bradley** . . . **Curt Hennig** beat Intercontinental champion **Kerry Von Erich** by countout . . . WWF World champion **The Ultimate Warrior** & **The Legion of Doom** defeated **Demolition** when Warrior pinned **Smash**.
(10-07-90)

—Ricie Head

KENTUCKY

LOUISVILLE—**New York Brawler** & **Sheik Hussein** beat **Joey Maggs** & **Jeff Gaylord** when Hussein hit Gaylord with a loaded boot and then pinned him . . . **Danny Davis** beat **Doug Gilbert** . . . **Bill Dundee** beat **Samurai** to determine the number-one challenger to the Southern title held by **Jeff Jarrett**; Dundee had to be carried from the ring on a stretcher following a postmatch triple-teaming from Samurai, Hussein, and **Eddie Gilbert** . . . In a match in which there was no referee in the ring, **Brickhouse Brown** beat **"Dirty White Boy" Tony Anthony** . . . USWA champion **Jerry Lawler** pinned **Eddie Gilbert** in a match that saw **"Dirty White Boy" Tony Anthony** serve as special referee.
(10-16-90)

—Sean Underhill

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE—Complete results of an NWA card at the Baltimore Arena: **Brian Pillman** pinned **The Iron Sheik** . . . **The Master Blasters** defeated **The Southern Boys** when **Steel** pinned **Steve Armstrong** . . . **J.W. Storm** pinned **Tommy Rich** . . . **Sid Vicious** pinned **Junkyard Dog** . . . U.S. champion **Lex Luger** defeated **Stan Hansen** by disqualification . . . U.S. tag team champions **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** beat **The Nasty Boys** when Scott pinned **Jerry Sags** . . . NWA World tag team champions **Doom** battled **Ric Flair** & **Arn Anderson** to a double-disqualification . . . NWA World champion **Sting** pinned **The Black Scorpion**.
(10-21-90)

—Ray Ney

EMMITSBURG—Complete results of a WWF card at the Knott Arena: **Koko B. Ware** beat **Boris Zukhov** . . . **Ronnie Garvin** beat **Mike Sharpe** . . . **Jim Neidhart** defeated **Greg Valentine** . . . **Hacksaw Duggan** defeated **Rick Rude** by disqualification . . . **Battle Cat** upended **Lanny Poffo** . . . **Jake Roberts** beat **Akeem** in a Harlem street fight . . . **Earthquake** destroyed **Big Bossman**.
(10-01-90)

—Beau Willey

MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER—Complete results of a WWF card at the Centrum: **Ronnie Garvin** defeated **Mike Sharpe** . . . **Sgt. Slaughter**, with some help from **Gen. Adnan**, defeated **Nikolai Volkoff** . . . **Davey Boy Smith** beat **Haku** . . . **Big Bossman** pinned **The Barbarian** (who was substituting for **Bobby Heenan**, who was supposed to be substituting for **Rick Rude** but showed up on crutches) . . . **Jim Brunzell** pinned **Paul Diamond** . . . **Rick Martel** beat **Hacksaw Duggan** by countout when Duggan was distracted by Slaughter and Adnan . . . **The Legion of Doom** defeated **Demolition**—**Ax** & **Smash**—after **Crush** was ejected from ringside for interference.
(11-01-90)

—Don Schiller & Matt Griffin

BOSTON—Complete results of a WWF matinee card at Boston Garden: WWF World tag team champions **Bret Hart** & **Jim Neidhart** beat **Honky Tonk Man** & **Greg Valentine** by disqualification . . . **Tugboat** beat **Earthquake** by disqualification when **Dino Bravo** interfered . . . **Ted DiBiase** pinned **Dusty Rhodes** after hitting him with the "million-dollar belt" . . . **Superfly Snuka** beat **The Warlord** by countout . . . **Davey Boy Smith** pinned **Haku** . . . **Paul Diamond** beat **Bob Bradley**.
(10-06-90)

—David Doyle & Ivan Rothstein

MICHIGAN

AUBURN HILLS—Complete results of a WWF matinee card at the Palace: **Ron Garvin** pinned **Steve Lombardi** . . . **Tito Santana** pinned **The Black Demon** after a flying elbowsmash . . . **Davey Boy Smith** beat **Haku** . . . **Randy Savage** beat WWF World champion **The Ultimate Warrior** by countout . . . **Big Bossman** pinned **The Barbarian** . . . **Ted DiBiase** pinned **Dusty Rhodes** when **Virgil** held Rhodes' foot as the referee made the three-count . . . WWF World tag team champions **The Hart Foundation** beat **Rhythm 'n' Blues**.
(10-27-90)

—Frank Wherson

SAGINAW—Complete results of an NWA card at the Civic Center: **The Juicer** pinned **Barry Horowitz** . . . **Tom Zenk** defeated **The Cuban Assassin** . . . **Tom Zenk** (substituting for **Brian Pillman**) defeated **The Black Scorpion** . . . **The Master Blasters** beat **Tim Horner** & **Mike Rotundo** . . . **El Gigante** pinned **Dr. X** . . . **Tommy Rich** & **Rick Morton** beat **Jim Garvin** & **Michael Hayes** . . . U.S. champion **Lex Luger** pinned **Sid Vicious**.
(10-26-90)

—Stanley Greenman

MINNESOTA

FRIDLEY—Complete results of a PWA card at George's: PWA champion **Ricky Rice** pinned **Jerry Lynn** . . . **Tommy Ferrara** beat **The Golden Idol** . . . **Charlie Norris** & **Willie the Splash** beat **Randy Gust** & **J.B. Trask** . . . **The Lightning Kid** beat **Ravishing Ronnie** . . . **J.R. Carson** beat **The Punisher** . . . **The Halloween Nightmare** beat **Red Tyler**.
(10-22-90)

—Christoper Nadrist

MINNEAPOLIS—Complete results of a WWF card at the Target Center: **Paul Diamond** pinned **Jim Powers**, but had to pull his tights to get the win . . . **Battle Cat** pinned **Pez Whatley** after a flying bodypress off the cornerpost . . . **Saba Simba** pinned **Buddy Rose** after an airplane spin and backdrop . . . **The Bushwhackers** beat **Mr. Fuji** & **Pat Tanaka** when **Luke Williams** pinned Fuji . . . **Earthquake** used his big splash to pin **Hacksaw Duggan** . . . **Superfly Snuka** pinned **The Black Demon** . . . WWF World champion **The Ultimate Warrior** & **The Legion of Doom** beat **Demolition**.
(10-20-90)

—Aaron Goff

MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS—Complete results of a WWF card at the Arena: WWF World champion **The Ultimate Warrior** & **The Legion of Doom** beat **Demolition**—**Crush** and **Smash**—& **Randy Savage** (who substituted for **Ax**) when Ultimate pinned **Smash** . . . **Pat Tanaka** & **Akio Sato** beat **The Bushwhackers** . . . **Curt Hennig** beat Intercontinental champion **Kerry Von Erich** by countout . . . **Steve Lombardi** pinned **Barry O** . . . **Sgt. Slaughter** made **Nikolai Volkoff** submit to a camel clutch . . . **The Barbarian** pinned **Jim Brunzell** . . . **Koko B. Ware** beat **Lanny Poffo**.
(10-05090)

—Larry Hohnbaum

NEBRASKA

OMAHA—Complete results of a WWF card at the Civic Auditorium: **Koko B. Ware** pinned **Lanny Poffo** . . . **Steve Lombardi** beat **Barry O** . . . **The Barbarian** beat **Jim Brunzell** . . . **Pat Tanaka** & **Akio Sato** beat **The Bushwhackers** . . . **Sgt. Slaughter** forced **Nikolai Volkoff** to submit to a camel clutch . . . **Curt Hennig** beat Intercontinental champion **Kerry Von Erich** by countout . . . WWF World champion **The Ultimate Warrior** and **The Legion of Doom** beat **Demolition**.
(10-06-90)

—Bob Ulip

NEW JERSEY

EAST RUTHERFORD—Complete results of a WWF card at the Byrne Meadowlands Arena: **Ronnie Garvin** pinned **Mike Sharpe** following a sunset flip . . . **Dustin Rhodes** defeated **Black Bart** . . . **Tito Santana** pinned **The Black Demon** following a flying forearm . . . **Sgt. Slaughter** forced **Nikolai Volkoff** to submit to the camel clutch . . . **The Rockers** defeated **Power & Glory** by disqualification when **Hercules** slammed **Marty Jannetty** in the head with his chain . . . **Big Bossman** defeated **The Barbarian** . . . **Randy Savage** defeated WWF World champion **The Ultimate Warrior** by countout.
(10-26-90)

—Gerry Mulhall

ASBURY PARK—Complete results of an NWA card at Convention Hall: **Norman** pinned **Dutch Mantel** . . . **Junkyard Dog** beat **Buddy Landell** . . . **The Master Blasters** beat **Tom Zenk** & **Brad Armstrong** . . . **Terry Taylor** beat **The Masked Stomper** . . . **Mike Rotundo** beat **J.W. Storm** by disqualification . . . U.S. tag team champions **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** beat **The Midnight Express** . . . NWA World champion **Sting** beat **The Black Scorpion** by countout.
(10-20-90)

—Nancy Leone

NEW YORK

NEW YORK—Complete results of a WWF card at Madison Square Garden: WWF Intercontinental champion **Kerry Von Erich** battled **Curt Hennig** to a double-countout . . . WWF World tag team champions **The Hart Foundation** defeated **Greg Valentine** & **Honky Tonk Man** when **Bret Hart** pinned Honky Tonk . . . **Tugboat** defeated **Dino Bravo** by disqualification . . . **Ted DiBiase** defeated **Dusty Rhodes** by disqualification when the referee spotted Rhodes with the ring bell that DiBiase had first brought into the ring; after the match, DiBiase and his valet, **Virgil**, beat Rhodes into unconsciousness . . . **Davey Boy Smith** powerslammed and pinned **Haku** . . . **The Warlord** upset **Koko B. Ware** after delivering a guillotine from the top turnbuckle . . . **Shane Douglas** pinned **Steve Lombardi** following a sunset flip . . . **Mike Sharpe** pinned **S.D. Jones** after slipping a foreign object into his armband and belting Jones with it.
(10-19-90)

—Burton Crane

DELHI—Complete results of an ICW card at Farrell Hall at the State University of New York College of Technology at Delhi: ICW champion **Vic Steamboat** defeated **The Tasmanian Devil** when he pinned Devil following the interference of Devil's manager, **Tony Rumble**. Rumble was attempting to headbutt the champion with his baseball helmet but hit his own man instead . . . **Big Sweet William** battled to a wild double-disqualification with **Equalizer Zip** . . . **Tony Rumble** donned the tights and pinned a newcomer who called himself **Slam** . . . ICW tag team champions **The Undertakers** beat **Eric Sbracchia** & **G.Q. Madison** . . . **Curley Moe** pinned **Psycho** after a big splash . . . **Equalizer Zap** pinned **The Mad Russian** . . . **G.Q. Madison** beat **Undertaker Henchman** . . . **G.Q. Madison** won a battle royal after eliminating both Equalizers.
(10-31-90)

—Terry Senerchia

NORTH CAROLINA

WINSTON-SALEM—Complete results of an NWA card at the Coliseum: **Rick Steiner** & **Terry Taylor** battled **The Nasty Boys** to a no-contest . . . **The Juicer** pinned **Dutch Mantel** . . . **Terry Taylor** pinned **The Iron Sheik** . . . **Junkyard Dog** beat **Moondog Rex** by disqualification when Rex used his bone to hit JYD . . . **El Gigante** pinned **Moondog Rex** . . . **Ric Flair** & **Arn Anderson** battled to a double-countout against NWA World tag team champions **Doom** . . . NWA World champion **Sting** beat **Sid Vicious** on a reverse decision.
(11-02-90)

—R.B. Smith

NORTH DAKOTA

FARGO—Complete results of a WWF card at the Memorial Arena: **Jim Brunzell** pinned **Lanny Poffo** . . . **"Playboy" Buddy Rose** pinned **Jim Powers** . . . **Dino Bravo** pinned **Tito Santana** . . . **Ted DiBiase** beat **Dusty Rhodes** by disqualification . . . **Saba Simba** pinned **Boris Zukhov** . . . **The Bushwhackers** defeated **The Orient Express** . . . **Tugboat** beat **Earthquake** by disqualification when **Dino Bravo** hit Tugboat with **Jimmy Hart's** megaphone.
(10-22-90)

—Randy Guthmiller

OHIO

TROY—Complete results of an NWA card at Hobart Arena: **The Juicer** pinned **Dutch Mantel** with a small package . . . **The Master Blasters** beat **Tim Horner** & **Mike Rotundo** when **Steel** pinned Horner . . . **Brian Pillman** used a sunset flip to pin **The Iron Sheik** . . . **Rick Morton** and **Brad Armstrong** beat **Jim Garvin** & **Michael Hayes** when Morton reversed a Hayes pin attempt . . . U.S. champion **Lex Luger** beat **Sid Vicious** . . . NWA World champion **Sting** beat **The Black Scorpion**.
(10-16-90)

—Chuck Allen

COLUMBUS—Complete results of a WWF card at Ohio Center: **Dustin Rhodes** pinned **Steve Lombardi** . . . **Sgt. Slaughter** beat **Nikolai Volkoff** with a camel clutch . . . **The Barbarian** beat **Tito Santana** . . . **Paul Roma** pinned **Marty Jannetty** with interference from **Hercules** . . . **Pez Whatley** beat **Paul Diamond** . . . **Curt Hennig** beat Intercontinental champion **Kerry Von Erich** by countout . . . **The Legion of Doom** & WWF World champion **The Ultimate Warrior** beat **Demolition**.
(10-01-90)

—Milt Davidson

OREGON

PORTLAND—Complete results of a PNW card at the Sports Arena: **The Grappler** & **The Equalizer** captured the PNW tag team title from **Larry** & **Rip Oliver** in a best-of-three-falls match in which disqualifications were to count as legal falls. Grappler lost the first fall for his team when he was caught trying to use a chain on Larry. Grappler pinned Larry to even the bout. In the deciding fall, Rip was disqualified when referee **Sandy Barr** saw him use the brass knuckles Grappler had brought into the ring . . . **Al Madril** beat **John Rambo**, but needed some help from **Ricky Santana** . . . **Steve Doll** beat **Brad Anderson** . . . **Scott Norton** used a clothesline to defeat **Doug Masters** . . . **Steve Sawyer** beat **Ricky Santana**.
(11-03-90)

—Kenn Jones

PORTLAND—Complete results of a Pacific Northwest card at the Sports Arena: **C.W. Bergstrom** beat **Brad Anderson** by reverse decision . . . **Steve Sawyer** beat **Al Madril** with a rollup . . . **Scott Norton** beat PNW champion **The Grappler** by disqualification when Grappler smashed the back of Norton's head into referee **Sandy Barr's** face . . . **Rip Oliver** beat **The Equalizer** by disqualification when **The Grappler** interfered . . . **Larry Oliver** used a shoulderbreaker to beat **Doug Masters** . . . **Steve Sawyer** won a $5,000 strap battle royal by ousting **Doug Masters**.
(10-20-90)

—Kenn Jones

PENNSYLVANIA

PHILADELPHIA—Complete results of a WWF matinee card at the Spectrum: **Shane Douglas** pinned **Steve Lombardi** . . . **The Warlord** pinned **Koko B. Ware** . . . **Superfly Snuka** pinned **The Black Demon** . . . WWF World tag team champions **The Hart Foundation** beat **Greg Valentine** & **Honky Tonk Man** by disqualification . . . Intercontinental champion **Kerry Von Erich** and **Curt Hennig** battled to a double-countout . . . **Davey Boy Smith** pinned **Haku** . . . WWF World champion **The Ultimate Warrior** & **The Legion of Doom** beat **Demolition** in an elimination match.
(10-20-90)

—Alan Raskin

ALTOONA—Complete results of an NWA card at the Jaffa Mosque: **Terry Taylor** pinned **Buddy Landell** . . . **Brad Armstrong** defeated **The Masked Stomper** . . . **Norman** pinned **Dutch Mantel** . . . **Tim Horner** & **Tom Zenk** defeated **The Master Blasters** . . . **Junkyard Dog** beat **Dr. X** . . . **J.W. Storm** lost by disqualification when he threw **Mike Rotundo** over the top rope . . . U.S. tag team champions **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** defated **The Midnight Express** . . . U.S. champion **Lex Luger** won a reverse decision over **Sid Vicious**.
(10-19-90)

—John Berger

HERSHEY—Complete results of a WWF card at Hersheypark Arena: **Boris Zukhov** pinned **Jose Luis Rivera** . . . **Jim Brunzell** used a dropkick to finish off and pin **Mike Sharpe** . . . **Koko B. Ware** beat **Conquistador I** after a sensational dropkick off the top rope . . . **Luke Williams** beat **Pat Tanaka**, with help from **Butch Miller** . . . **Rick Martel** pinned **Tito Santana** with his feet on the ropes . . . **Curt Hennig** beat Intercontinental champion **Kerry Von Erich** by countout . . . **The Legion of Doom** beat **Demolition—Smash** & **Crush**—in a cage match.
(10-15-90)

—Timothy A. Walker

RHODE ISLAND

PROVIDENCE—Complete results of a WWF card at the Civic Center: **The Legion of Doom** defeated **Demolition** members **Ax** and **Smash** in a "Texas tornado" cage match . . . **Curt Hennig** beat Intercontinental champion **Kerry Von Erich** by countout . . . **Luke Williams** beat **Akio Sato** when **Butch Miller**, who was at ringside for his **Bushwhacker** partner, tripped Sato, enabling Williams to score an easy pin . . . **Rick Martel**, using his feel on the ropes for leverage, pinned **Tito Santana** . . . **Koko B. Ware** beat **Conquistador I** with a flying dropkick off the top turnbuckle.
(10-14-90)

—Karen A. Briggs & Jeff Belair

SOUTH CAROLINA

COLUMBIA—A South Atlantic Pro Wrestling tournament was held at the Township Auditorium with the winner receiving a Mercedes Benz 400 SL. Complete results:

"Maybe we should try the 'jaws of life.' "

Round One: **Pit Bulldog Rex** beat **Tommy Seabolt** ... **Ricky Wilson** defeated **Trent Knight** ... **Pit Bulldog Spike** beat **Ranger Ross** ... **Tex Salinger** beat **Vince Torelli** ... **Paul Jones** beat **Robert Fuller** by disqualification when the Bulldogs and Salinger interfered.

Round Two: **Chris Chavis**, who drew a bye through round one, pinned Rex ... Spike beat Wilson ... Salinger beat Jones by countout.

Semifinal: Chavis beat Salinger ... Spike received a bye into the final round.

Final: Chavis beat Spike by disqualification when Rex interfered.
(10-09-90)

—Al Weston

TENNESSEE

MEMPHIS—Complete results of a USWA card at the Mid-South Coliseum: **M.C. Jammer** beat **Joey Maggs** ... **Ken Wayne** defeated **T.D. Steel** ... **Chris Champion** beat **Sheik Abdul Hussein** ... **Doug Gilbert** defeated **Danny Davis** ... **Brickhouse Brown** and **Tony Anthony** wrestled to a no-contest ... **Eddie Gilbert** defeated **Jeff Jarrett** to capture the Southern title ... **Jerry Lawler** successfully defended the USWA title with a pinfall win over **Jeff Gaylord**.
(10-29-90)

—Mark Mitchell

NEWPORT—Complete results of an All-Star Wrestling card at the National Guard Armory: **The Gladiator** pinned **Shogun** ... **Johnny Raynor** pinned **The Storm Trooper** ... **Izzy Slapowitz** beat **Thad Clark** ... **Tim Reed** defeated **The Mad Russian** ... **Johnny Meadows** beat **Chris Powers** ... **Doug Vines** won a tag team elimination match that also included his partner, **Jeff Sword**, and the duo of **The Gladiator** & **Jimmy Golden**.
(10-25-90)

—Bill Needham

MEMPHIS—Complete results of a USWA card at the Mid-South Coliseum: **Sheik Hussein** & **Sheik Fabiano** defeated **Joey Maggs** & **Cody Michaels** when Hussein forced Maggs to submit to a camel clutch ... **Chris Champion** beat **Lou Winston** by disqualification ... **Samurai** pinned **Jeff Gaylord** ... The bout between **Bill Dundee** and **King Cobra** was stopped after Samurai and Hussein jumped Dundee and Cobra walked out of the ring ... USWA tag team champions **Doug Gilbert** & **Tony Anthony** defeated **Brickhouse Brown** & **Danny Davis** when Anthony pinned Brown after **Dirty White Girl** sprayed a substance in Brown's eyes ... Southern champion **Jeff Jarrett** and **Eddie Gilbert** fought to a no-contest ... USWA champion **Jerry Lawler** pinned **M.C. Jammer** in 45 seconds; Jammer was a replacement for **Mark Callous** ... **Jamie** & **Bill Dundee** & **Jerry Lawler** defeated **Sheik Hussein**, **Sheik Fabiano**, & **Samurai** when Jamie pinned Fabiano; afterward, the rulebreakers handcuffed Bill Dundee (the cuffs were given to them by **Eddie Gilbert**) and bloodied Jamie badly.
(10-22-90)

—Mark Mitchell

MEMPHIS—Complete results of a USWA card at the Mid-South Coliseum: **Austin Idol** & **Eddie Gilbert** beat USWA champion **Jerry Lawler** & **Bill Dundee** by disqualification when Lawler and Dundee double-posted Idol on the steel ringpost ... **King Cobra** pinned **The New York Brawler** ... **Sheik Hussein** & **Samurai** beat **Joey Maggs** & **Jeff Gaylord** ... In a handicap match, **Bill Dundee** beat **Sam Lowe** & **Downtown Bruno** in 51 seconds ... **Danny Davis** beat **Doug Gilbert** ... **Brickhouse Brown** beat **"Dirty White Boy" Tony Anthony**.
(10-15-90)

—Mark Mitchell

MEMPHIS—Complete results of a WWF card at the Mid-South Coliseum: **The Warlord** beat **Ron Garvin** with a series of slams and a bodypress ... **Pez Whatley** pinned **Bob Bradley** with a small package ... **Sgt. Slaughter** made **Nikolai Volkoff** submit to a camel clutch ... **Big Bossman** beat **The Barbarian** with a flying elbowsmash ... **Dustin Rhodes** used an elbowsmash to set up his pinfall of **Black Bart** ... **Davey Boy Smith** used a rollup to pin **Haku** ... WWF World tag team champions **Jim Neidhart** & **Bret Hart** won a disqualification victory over **Greg Valentine** & **Honky Tonk Man**.
(10-12-90)

—Mark Mitchell

MEMPHIS—In the main event of a USWA card at the Mid-South Coliseum here, **Jerry Lawler** defeated **Austin Idol** in the final round of a tournament to become the new USWA champion. The entire card consisted of tournament matches. Here are the results:

FIRST ROUND: **Mark Callous** beat **Bill Dundee** by disqualification ... **Dick Slater** defeated **Danny Davis** ... **Jeff Gaylord** beat **Doug Gilbert** ... **Eddie Gilbert** pinned **Jimmy Valiant** ... **Jeff Jarrett** pinned **Sheik Hussein** ... **John Tatum** beat **King Cobra** ... **Austin Idol** defeated **Gary Young** ... **Terry Funk** beat **Brickhouse Brown** ... **Steve Keirn** defeated **Tony Anthony** ... **Dick Murdoch** pinned **Samurai** and advanced directly to the third round.

SECOND ROUND: **Jerry Lawler**, who was number-one seed by virtue of winning a special tournament last week, received a bye into the second round and beat Callous by disqualification ... Slater pinned Gaylord ... Gilbert drew with Jarrett, then advanced to the third round by winning a coin toss ... Idol beat Tatum ... Funk defeated Keirn.

THIRD ROUND: Lawler defeated Slater ... Funk beat Murdoch by disqualification ... Idol defeated Gilbert when **Sam "Bass" Lowe** threw in the towel; because of the bracketing setup, Idol advanced directly to the final.

SEMIFINAL: Lawler defeated Funk by disqualification.
(10-08-90)

—Mark Mitchell & Virginia Hamblin

MEMPHIS—The USWA held a round-robin tournament at the Mid-South Coliseum to determine a number-one seed for the October 8 USWA title tournament. To win, a wrestler had to get three victories in a row, and the winner of a match earned the right to choose his next opponent.

Complete tournament results: **Bill Dundee** pinned **Jerry Lawler** after a flying bodypress ... **Jeff Jarrett** and Dundee battled to a 10-minute draw; USWA officials used a flip of the coin to determine a winner, and Jarrett got the win ... Jarrett beat **Eddie Gilbert** by disqualification ... Lawler beat Jarrett by countout ... Lawler beat Dundee ... Lawler beat Gilbert.

In other matches: **Cowabunga** beat **The New York Brawler** ... **Don Harris** beat **Joey Maggs** ... **Jeff Gaylord** beat **Brian Lee** by disqualification ... **Dan Davis** beat **Doug Gilbert** ... **Brickhouse Brown** beat **Dirty White Boy** by disqualification.
(10-01-90)

—Mark Mitchell & Virginia Hamblin

TEXAS

DALLAS—Complete results of a World Class Championship Wrestling card at the Sportatorium: **The California Stud** pinned **Randy Ricci** ... **Iceman Parsons** pinned **Jimmy James** ... **Gary Young** pinned **Steve Cox** after hitting him with an object handed to him by **Gen. Skandor Akbar** ... **Steve Dane** pinned **Steve Austin** ... **John Tatum**, **Angel of Death**, & **Gen. Skandor Akbar** defeated **Kevin Von Erich**, **Chris Von Erich**, & **Sweet Brown Sugar** by disqualification when **Steve Simpson** interfered.
(11-02-90)

—Joyce Dillon

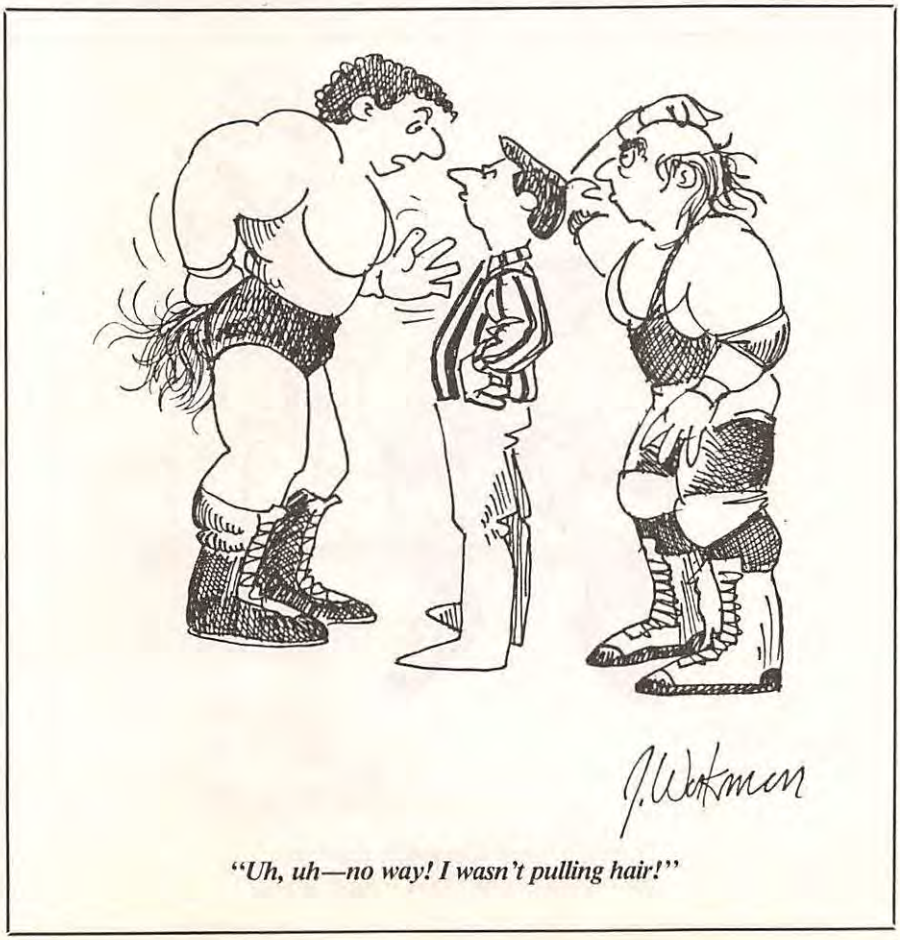
DALLAS—Complete results of a Texas Wrestling Federation card at the Metroplex: **The Midnight Cowboy** defeated **The Great Bolo** in mask vs. mask bout; Bolo unmasked the Cowboy after the bout, revealing him to be **Tony Falk** ... **Matt Borne** drew with **The California Stud** ... **Terrance Garvin** beat **Angel of Death** by disqualification ... **Al Perez** defeated **Abdullah the Butcher** by disqualification ... In an eight-man elimination cage match, in which each man was handcuffed to the cage as he was eliminated, **Angel of Death**, **Tony Falk**, **California Stud**, & **Abdullah the Butcher** beat **Al Perez**, **Matt Borne**, **Terrance Garvin**, & **Action Jackson** when Abdullah was the last man remaining.
(10-27-90)

—Joyce Dillon

DALLAS—Complete results of a World Class card at the Sportatorium: **Randy Ricci** & **Tom Jones** drew with **The Rock 'n' Roll RPMs** ... **Iceman Parsons** pinned **Louie Spicoli** ... **Gary Young** pinned **Steve Cox** ... **Steve Dane** and **Steve Austin** were both counted out ... **John Tatum**, **Angel of Death**, & **Gen. Skandor Akbar** defeated **Steve Cox**, **Steve Simpson**, & **Sweet Brown Sugar** by disqualification when **Kevin Von Erich** and **Chris Von Erich** interfered.
(10-26-90)

—Joyce Dillon

DALLAS—Complete results of a World Class card at the Sportatorium: **Steve Cox** defeated **The California Stud** by disqualification ... **The Rock 'n' Roll RPMs** beat **Randy Ricci** & **Louie Spicoli**



"Uh, uh—no way! I wasn't pulling hair!"

Is defeated **Gary Young** in an "I quit" match when **Steve Cox** came to ringside, grabbed a microphone, and said he was giving up, tricking referee **Bronco Lubich** into thinking that it was Young who was quitting . . . **Iceman Parsons** beat **Skip Young** in a match in which the loser was supposed to get painted yellow; Young ended up painting Parsons . . . **Steve Austin** pinned **Steve Dane** . . . **Steve Simpson**, wrestling alone after his scheduled partner, **Kevin Von Erich**, got into a dressing-room fight with **John Tatum**, defeated **Angel of Death** & **The California Stud** by disqualification in a handicap match; Tatum was supposed to be Angel's partner, but Lubich ruled that he was in no condition to wrestle after the fight with Von Erich.
(10-19-90)

—Joyce Dillon

SAN ANTONIO—Complete results of a WWF card at the Freeman Coliseum: **Curt Hennig** beat Intercontinental champion **Kerry Von Erich** by countout . . . WWF World champion **The Ultimate Warrior** & **The Legion of Doom** beat **Crush, Smash,** & **Randy Savage** (who was substituting for **Ax**) . . . **The Bushwhackers** beat **Pat Tanaka** & **Akio Sato** . . . **The Barbarian** pinned **Tito Santana** . . . **Koko B. Ware** beat **Boris Zukhov** . . . **Jim Brunzell** beat **Lanny Poffo**.
(10-12-90)

—Sandy Weissman

DALLAS—Complete results of a Texas Wrestling Federation card at the Metroplex: **The Great Bobo** drew with **Louie Speconie** . . . **Action Jackson** and **Billy Travis** each captured a fall before battling to a draw in the third and deciding fall . . . **Matt Borne** defeated **John Tatum** by disqualification in the third fall of another best-of-three-falls bout . . . **Tim Tall Tree** pinned **Midnight Cowboy** . . . **Iceman Parsons** & **The California Stud** defeated **Al Perez** & **Terrance Garvin** when Parsons pinned Garvin.
(10-07-90)

—Joyce Dillon

VERMONT

NEWPORT—Complete results of an ICW card at Newport High School: ICW champion **Vic Steamboat** beat **The Tasmanian Devil** . . . **G.Q. Madison** beat **Undertaker Henchman** . . . **Tony Rumble** beat **The Mad Russian** . . . **Chief Thunder Mountain** beat **Equalizer Zip** . . . **Dusty Wolfe** beat **Equalizer Zap** . . . ICW tag team champions **The Undertakers** battled to a double-disqualification against **G.Q. Madison** & **Eric Sbracchia** . . . In midget action, **Frankie "Third Degree" Burns** beat **The Prankster**.
(10-06-90)

—Terry Smith

VIRGINIA

RICHMOND—Complete results of an NWA card at the Coliseum: **Brad Armstrong** beat **Dutch Mantel** . . . **Terry Taylor** pinned **The Iron Sheik** . . . U.S. tag team champions **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** beat **The Nasty Boys** . . . **Ric Flair** & **Arn Anderson** battled to a double-countout against NWA World tag team champions **Doom** . . . **Tracey Smothers** & **Steve Armstrong** beat **The Midnight Express** . . . **J.W. Storm** pinned **Allen Iron Eagle** . . . NWA World champion **Sting** beat **Stan Hansen** by disqualification when Hansen used a bullrope to choke Sting.
(10-26-90)

—Eddie Cheslock

NORFOLK—Complete results of an NWA card at The Scope: **Brad Armstrong** beat **Dutch Mantel** . . . **Terry Taylor** defeated **The Iron Sheik** . . . **Tracey Smothers** & **Steve Armstrong** beat **The Midnight Express** . . . **J.W. Storm** defeated **Allen Iron Eagle** . . . U.S. tag team champions **Rick & Scott Steiner** beat **The Nasty Boys** . . . **Ric Flair** & **Arn Anderson** battled to a double-countout against NWA World tag team champions **Doom** . . . NWA World champion **Sting** beat **The Black Scorpion** by countout.
(10-25-90)

—Eddie Cheslock

ROANOKE—Complete results of an NWA card at the Civic Center: **Norman** pinned **The Iron Sheik** . . . **The Italian Stallion** beat **Barry Horowitz** . . . **Allen Iron Eagle** beat **Buddy Lee Parker** . . . **Junkyard Dog** pinned **Buddy Landell** . . . **Scott Armstrong** & **Rick Morton** beat **Michael Hayes** & **Jim Garvin** . . . U.S. champion **Lex Luger** beat **Sid Vicious** . . . Luger teamed with **Ron Simmons** of **Doom** to defeat **Ric Flair** & **Arn Anderson**.
(10-11-90)

—Eddie Cheslock

BLUEFIELD—Complete results of an NWA card at the Auditorium: **The Italian Stallion** beat **Buddy Landell** . . . **Norman** pinned **Barry Horowitz** . . . **The Iron Sheik** pinned **Allen Iron Eagle** . . . **Steve Armstrong** & **Rick Morton** beat **Michael Hayes** & **Jim Garvin** . . . U.S. champion **Lex Luger** won a countout victory against **Sid Vicious** . . . NWA World champion **Sting** beat **The Black Scorpion**.
(10-10-90)

—Leonard Sims

CHARLOTTESVILLE—Complete results of an NWA card at University Hall: **The Juicer** beat P[illegible] **Rose** . . . **The Master Blasters** defeated **Mike Rotundo** & **Tim Horner** . . . **Dutch Mantel** pinned **Allen Iron Eagle** . . . **Rick Morton** & **Terry Taylor** beat **The Midnight Express** . . . **Junkyard Dog** pinned **Harley Race** . . . NWA World champion **Sting** teamed with **Ron Simmons** to beat **Ric Flair** & **Arn Anderson** . . . **Sting** pinned **The Black Scorpion**.
(10-07-90)

—Eddie Cheslock

WEST VIRGINIA

WHEELING—Complete results of a WWF card at the Wheeling Civic Center: **Ronnie Garvin** used a rollup to pin **Mike Sharpe** . . . **Dustin Rhodes** pinned **Black Bart** following a bulldog . . . **Sgt. Slaughter** defeated **Nikolai Volkoff** by submission with a camel clutch . . . **Battle Cat** pinned **Pez Whatley** following a Lou Thesz press . . . **Hacksaw Duggan** defeated **The Barbarian** by countout . . . **The Rockers** defeated **Power & Glory** by disqualification when **Hercules** hit **Marty Jannetty** with his chain . . . **Big Bossman** pinned **Haku** (who was substituting for **Rick Rude**) following a side-slam.
(10-22-90)

—Steve Zamonski

CHARLESTON—Complete results of an NWA card at the Civic Center: U.S. champion **Lex Luger** won a reverse decision against **Sid Vicous**. Vicious had Luger pinned with his feet on the ropes and referee **Pee Wee Anderson** made the count. As Sid was being awarded the belt, alternate referee **Nick Patrick** ran in and told Anderson how Sid won, thereby reversing the decision . . . **Allen Iron Eagle** pinned **Barry Horowitz** . . . **Italian Stallion** pinned **Buddy Lee Parker** with a backslide . . . **Norman** used a big splash to beat **The Iron Sheik** . . . **Junkyard Dog** pinned **Buddy Landell** . . . **Rick Morton** & **Scott Armstrong** beat **Michael Hayes** & **Jim Garvin** . . . **Lex Luger** teamed with **Ron Simmons** of **Doom** to beat **Arn Anderson** & **Ric Flair**.
(10-12-90)

—Phil Nicholas

WISCONSIN

MILWAUKEE—Complete results of a WWF card at the Bradley Center: **Jim Brunzell** pinned **Mike Sharpe** after a dropkick . . . **Battle Cat** used the Lou Thesz press to pin **Steve Lombardi** . . . **Big Bossman** pinned **Bobby Heenan** in 11 seconds . . . **Sgt. Slaughter** beat **Nikolai Volkoff** when Volkoff submitted to the camel clutch . . . **Randy Savage** beat WWF World champion **The Ultimate Warrior** by countout . . . **Davey Boy Smith** pinned **Haku** . . . **Jim Neidhart** & **Bret Hart** beat **Greg Valentine** & **Honky Tonk Man**.
(11-04-90)

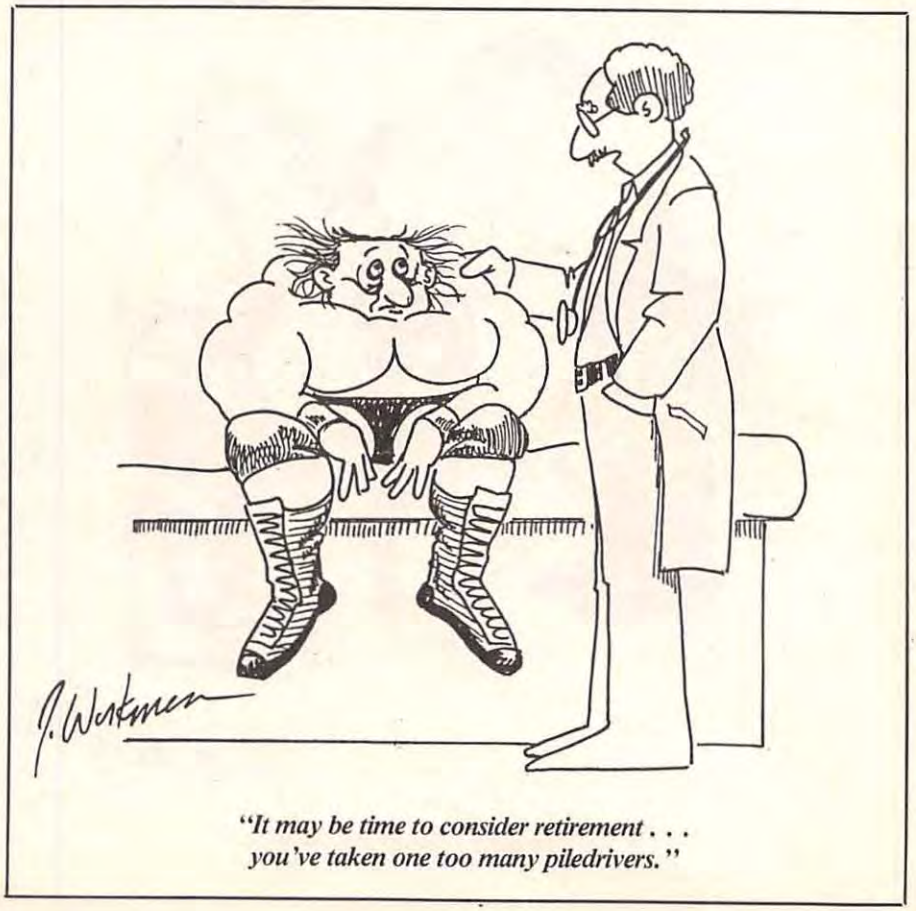
—Andy Abrahamson

CANADA

TORONTO, ONTARIO—Complete results of an NWA card at the Coliseum at Exhibition Place: **Brian Pillman** beat **The Black Scorpion** . . . **The Juicer** pinned **Barry Horowitz** . . . **Tom Zenk** pinned **Johnny K-9** . . . **Nick DeCarlo** beat **Terry Morgan** . . . **The Master Blasters** beat **Tim Horner** & **Mike Rotundo** . . . **Jim Garvin** & **Michael Hayes** beat **Rick Morton** & **Tommy Rich** . . . U.S. champion **Lex Luger** pinned **Sid Vicious**.
(10-25-90)

—Steve Argintaru & Eric Peddle

OTTAWA, ONTARIO—Complete results of a WWF card at the Ottawa Civic Centre: **Davey Boy**



"It may be time to consider retirement . . . you've taken one too many piledrivers."

Smith pinned **Sailor Moondog White** (who was substituting for **Haku**) following a powerslam ... WWF World tag team champions **The Hart Foundation** defeated **Rhythm 'n' Blues** ... **Warlord** pinned **Koko B. Ware** ... **Curt Hennig** beat Intercontinental champion **Kerry Von Erich** by countout ... **Shane Douglas** pinned **Steve Lombardi** following a sunset flip ... **Jimmy Snuka** defeated **The Black Demon** (who was substituting for **Akeem**) ... **The Legion of Doom** defeated **Demolition** when **Hawk** pinned **Smash**.
(10-22-90)

—Shawn Imbeau

MONTREAL, QUEBEC—Complete results of a WWF card at the Forum: WWF World champion **The Ultimate Warrior** & **The Legion of Doom** beat **Demolition** in an elimination match; **Smash** pinned **Hawk** for the first elimination, **Animal** then pinned **Ax**, Animal was counted out, **Smash** was disqualified against Warrior, who went on to pin **Crush** and win the bout for his team ... Intercontinental champion **Kerry Von Erich** beat **Curt Hennig** by countout ... **Shane Douglas** pinned **Steve Lombardi** ... **Superfly Snuka** beat **The Black Demon** ... **Davey Boy Smith** pinned **Haku** after a powerslam ... **The Warlord** beat **Koko B. Ware** ... WWF World tag team champions **The Hart Foundation** beat **Greg Valentine** & **Honky Tonk Man**.
(10-21-90)

—Bertrand Herbert

TORONTO, ONTARIO—Complete results of a WWF matinee card at Maple Leaf Gardens: In a six-man elimination match, WWF World champion **The Ultimate Warrior** & **The Legion of Doom** beat **Demolition** ... Intercontinental champion **Kerry Von Erich** battled **Curt Hennig** to a double-countout ... WWF World tag team champions **The Hart Foundation** beat **Greg Valentine** & **Honky Tonk Man** ... **The Warlord** pinned **Koko B. Ware** ... **Superfly Snuka** pinned **The Black Demon** ... **Shane Douglas** pinned **Steve Lombardi** ... **Davey Boy Smith** beat **Haku**.
(10-21-90)

—Steve Argintaru & Peter Jordan

ENGLAND

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX—Complete results of an All-Star Wrestling Promotions card held at Chancellor Hall: **Ivan Trevors** beat **Jimmy Mason** by submission with the scorpion leglock ... **Doc Dean** pinned **Steve Grey** following a suplex ... **Julie Starr** & **Karen Krystle** defeated **Busty Keegan** & **Debbie Drake** when Krystle pinned Drake ... "England's Number One" **Marty Jones** beat 350-pound **Mighty Sumo** by countout.
(10-09-90)

—Matthew Phillips

GUAM

MANGILAO—Complete results of National Wrestling League card at the University of Guam Fieldhouse: **He-Man** pinned **Vicious Viking** after a dropkick and a cross-bodyblock from the top turnbuckle ... **Al Perez** pinned **The Cheetah Kid** after Perez caught Cheetah, who was executing a flying bodypress off the top rope, and powerslammed him ... **Bambi** pinned **Peggy Lee Leather** to regain the NWL women's title ... **Bam Bam Bigelow** pinned **Ron Bass** after a sunset flip ... **John Rambo** regained the held-up NWL title when he pinned **Cactus Jack** ... **B. Brian Blair** & **Paul Orndorff** won the NWL tag team belts from **The Disciples of Darkness** ... **Nikita Koloff** needed only two minutes to pin **Ax L. Rotten**.
(10-23-90)

—Matt Brock

JAPAN

TOKYO—Complete results of a New Japan card at Budokan Hall: **Riki Choshu** beat **Shinya Hashimoto** ... **Hiroshi Hase** & **Kensuke Sasaki** won the IWGP tag team belts from **The Great Muta** & **Masa Chono** ... **Jushin Riger** won the IWGP junior heavyweight championship from **The Pegasus Kid** ... **Tiger Jeet Singh** beat **Tatsumi Fujinami** by disqualification when Fujinami hit the referee ... In a wrestler vs. karate match, **Shiro Koshinaka** beat karate expert **Seiji Aoyagi** when he gained a fourth-round submission to a Boston crab ... **Animal Hamaguchi** beat **Anobu Kurisu** ... **Kengo Kimura** & **Osamu Kido** beat **Bad News Brown** & **Larry Cameron** ... **Osamu Matsuda, Takayuki Iizuka, Kuniaki Kobashi,** & **Kantaro Hoshino** beat **Super Strong Machine, Hiro Saito, Norio Honaga,** & **Tatsutoshi Goto**.
(11-01-90)

—Shunji Fujitaki

SAGAMIHARA—Complete results of an All-Japan card here: **Mitsuhara Misawa** & **Toshiaki Kawada** beat **Mighty Inoue** & **Jumbo Tsuruta** ... **Steve Williams** & **Terry Gordy** defeated **Johnny Ace** & **Kenta Kobashi** ... **Terry Funk** & **Dory Funk Jr.** beat **Steve Doll** & **Rex King** ... **Shohei "Giant" Baba, Akira Taue,** & **Rusher Kimura** beat **Masanobu Fuchi, Atashi Okuma,** & **Haruka Eigen** ... **Doug Furnas** beat **Ron Slinker** ... **Joe Malenko** defeated **Yoshinari Ogawa** ... **Dean Malenko** beat **Isamu Teranishi**.
(10-27-90)

—Koichi Yoshizawa

MAEBASHI—Complete results of a New Japan card at the Greendome: **Shinya Hashimoto** pinned **Larry Cameron** ... **The Pegasus Kid** & **Bad News Brown** beat **Mr. Saito** & **Osamu Kido** ... In a boxer vs. wrestler confrontation, boxer **Tony Holme** beat **The Soultaker** by knocking him out in the third round ... **Tiger Jeet Singh** beat **Big Van Vader** by disqualification when Vader hit the referee twice ... **Masa Chono** made **Kensuke Sasaki** submit to a figure-four leglock ... **The Great Muta** pinned **Hiroshi Hase** following a German suplex ... **Riki Choshu** & **Animal Hamaguchi** beat **Tatsumi Fujinami** & **Shiro Koshinaka** when Choshu back-suplexed and pinned Fujinami.
(10-25-90)

—Shunji Fujitaki

YOKOHAMA—The main event of the first-ever Super World Sports card was a one-night, three-match tag team tournament.

FIRST ROUND: **Genichiro Tenryu** & **The Great Kabuki** defeated **Bob Orton Jr.** & **Jeff Jarrett** when Tenryu pinned Jarrett at the 10:25 mark ... **George** & **Shunji Takano** defeated **Yoshiaki Yatsu** & **Isao Takagi** when George pinned Takagi at tyhe 15:53 mark.

FINAL BOUT: George & Shunji Takano defeated Genichiro Tenryu & The Great Kabuki when George pinned Tenryu at 11:42 following a German suplex.

In other matches: **Masao Orihara** defeated **Hiroshi Katanaka** in 11:29 ... **Jeff Wheeler** defeated **Kenichi Ohya** in 9:21 ... **K.Y. Wakamatsu** defeated **Fumihiro Niikura** in 7:48 ... **The Samoan Swat Team** defeated **Jerry Morrow** & **Dino Ventura** when **Samoan Savage** pinned Morrow at the 9:42 mark ... **Naoki Sano** defeated **Snake Williams** in 11:47 ... **Kendo Nagasaki, Goro Tsurumi,** & **Shinichi Nakano** defeated **Tatsumi Kitahara, Sampson Fuyuki,** & **Takashi Ishikawa** when Tsurumi pinned Kitahara at the 16:44 mark.
(10-18-90)

—Koichi Yoshizawa

IWAKINI—Complete results of an All-Japan card at the Civic Centre: **Jumbo Tsuruta, Akira Taue,** & **Mighty Inoue** beat **Terry Gordy, Steve Williams,** & **Richard Slinger** ... **Stan Hansen** & **Dan Spivey** defeated All-Japan Asian tag team champions **Johnny Ace** & **Kenta Kobashi** in a non-title match ... **Mitsuharu Misawa** & **Toshiaki Kawada** defeated **Dynamite Kid** & **Johnny Smith** ... **Abdullah the Butcher** & **Kamala II** beat **Doug Furnas** & **Masanobu Fuchi** ... **Shohei "Giant" Baba** & **Rusher Kimura** defeated **Atashi Okuma** & **Haruka Eigen** ... **Joe** & **Dean Malenko** defeated **The Southern Rockers** ... **Isamu Teranishi** and **Mutsuo Mimota** battle to a time-limit draw.
(10-12-90)

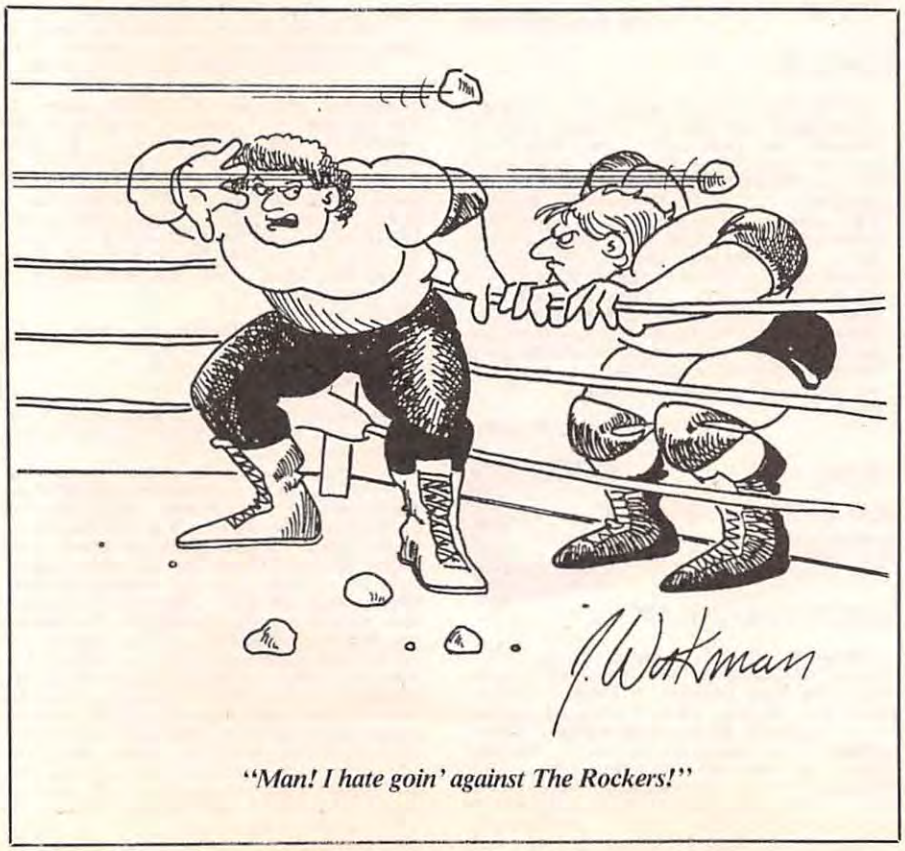
—Kazuya Okamoto

YOKOHAMA—Complete results of a card at Yokohama Arena commemorating the 30th anniversary of **Antonio Inoki's** pro wrestling debut: Inoki & **Tiger Jeet Singh** defeated **Animal Hamaguchi** & **Big Van Vader** when Inoki pinned Hamaguchi ... **Riki Choshu** & **Masa Saito** defeated **Kensuke Sasaki** & **Hiroshi Hase** when Choshu pinned Sasaki ... **Shinya Hashimoto** defeated **Bam Bam Bigelow** by countout ... **The Great Muta** defeated **Ricky Steamboat** following a moonsault press ... **Masa Chono** defeated **TNT** ... **Jushin Riger** beat **Vilano V** ... **Tatsumi Fujinami** battled **Shiro Koshinaka** to a draw ... **Osamu Kido** & **Kengo Kimura** downed **Owen Hart** & **Bigelow Perez** when Kido pinned Perez ... **Hiro Saito** & **Tatsutoshi Goto** defeated **Takayuki Iizuka** & **Osamu Matsuda** when Saito pinned Iizuka.
(09-30-90)

—Koichi Yoshizawa

TOKYO—Complete results of a card at Korakuen Hall commemorating the 30th anniversary of **Shohei "Giant" Baba's** pro wrestling debut: **Andre the Giant** & **Stan Hansen** downed Baba & **Abdullah the Butcher** when Andre pinned Abdullah ... **Akira Taue** & **Jumbo Tsuruta** battled **Toshiaki Kawada** & **Mitsuhara Misawa** to a draw ... **Johnny Ace** & **Kenta Kobashi** defeated **Danny Spivey** & **Kimara #2** when Ace pinned Kimara ... **Johnny Smith** & **Dynamite Kid** defeated **Joe** & **Dean Malenko** when Kid pinned Dean ... **Mighty Inoue** & **Rusher Kimura** defeated **Haruka Eigen** & **Masanobu Fuchi** when Kimura pinned Eigen ... **Steve Doll** & **Rex King** downed **Ron Slinker** & **Isamu Teranishi** when King pinned Slinker ... **Mitsuo Momota** defeated **Atashi Okuma**.
(09-30-90)

—Koichi Yoshizawa



"Man! I hate goin' against The Rockers!"

MEXICO

JUAREZ—Complete results of a Pueblo/Wild World Promotions card at the Municipal Gym: **El Medico** made **Sombra Negra** submit to a crucifix . . . **Crazy Boy I** & **Sensational Samurai** beat **Exotic Baby Sharon** & **Gardenia Del Ring** by disqualification . . . **La Gacela** & **Peluchin** won the Chihuahua tag team belts in a bloody battle against **Zorro** & **Latigo** when La Gacela pinned Zorro and, at the same time, Peluchin pinned Latigo . . . **Chavo Guerrero, Rocky Starr,** & **Cinta De Oro** beat **Crazy Boy II, El Mercanaro,** & **Rayo Imperial** . . . **Lobo Rubio** beat **Eddy Guerrero** when the referee stopped the match due to excessive bleeding by Guerrero.
(10-25-90)

—Art Amaral

JUAREZ—Complete results of a Pueblo/Wild World Promotions card at the Juarez Municipal Gym: In a best-of-three-falls match, **Exotic Baby Sharon** & **Bello Armando** drew with **Sensational Samurai** & **Rey Guerrero** after each team won a fall . . . **Rocky Star** & **Takeda** defeated **Rayo Imperial** & **Flama Roja** by disqualification . . . In a non-title match, **Peluchin** & **La Gacela** defeated Chihuahua champions **Zorro** & **Latigo** . . . **El Medico** pinned **Spartago** . . . **Crazy Boy 32** wrestled **Crazy Boy 33** to a double-disqualification.
(10-18-90)

—Art Amaral

MEXICO CITY—A UWA card at the Bull Ring was highlighted by a three-way round-robin tournament to determine a number-one challenger for the UWA title held by **Big Van Vader.** Results of the tourney: **Dos Caras** beat **Kokina Maximus** by disqualification . . . **El Canek** beat Kokina . . . El Canek and Dos Caras battled to a double-countout, so no number-one challenger was found. There will be a rematch in the near future.

In other matches: **Black Power, El Signo,** & **Kahos** beat **Fantasima, Solar,** & **Halcon '78** . . . **Dr. Wagner Jr., Fishman,** & **Killer** beat **Villano III, Enrique Vera,** & **Gran Hamada** . . . **The Brazos** beat **Villano I, Villano IV,** & **Abdullah Tamba.**
(10-07-90)

—Julio Nunez

PUERTO RICO

BAYAMON—Complete results of a World Wrestling Council card here: **Billy Travis** won the WWC junior heavyweight championship from **Hurricane Castillo Jr.** . . . **Invader IV** beat **"Dirty White Boy" Tom Burton** . . . **The Giant Warrior** won a countout victory against **Nitron** . . . **Eric Embry, Rick Valentine,** & **Monster Ripper** beat **Super Medics I** & **III** & **Sasha** when Ripper pinned Sasha . . . ICW champion **Vic Steamboat** won by disqualification over Caribbean champion **Kim Duk** when Duk tossed salt at Steamboat, missed him, and the salt hit referee **The Viking** . . . **Carlos Colon** & **TNT** battled to a no-contest against **The Texas Hangmen** . . . **Grizzly Boone** downed **Victor Jovica.**
(11-03-90)

—Martin Robles

BAYAMON—Complete results of a World Wrestling Council card at Juan Loubriel Stadium here: **Ricky Santana** wrestled to a draw against **Mr. Pogo** . . . **Sasha** beat WWC women's champion **Monster Ripper** by disqualification when **Eric Embry** interfered . . . **Hurricane Castillo Jr.** pinned **Ron Starr** to win the WWC junior heavyweight title . . . **The Super Medics'** match against **Eric Embry** & **Rick Valentine** was stopped due to excessive blood loss by all four wrestlers . . . **Giant Warrior** beat **Kamala** by countout . . . **Invader IV** beat WWC Caribbean champion **Kim Duk** by disqualification . . . WWC Universal champion **Carlos Colon** beat **Rochester Roadblock.**
(10-06-90)

—Michael Rodriguez

SAIPAN

SAIPAN—Complete results of a National Wrestling League card at Cowtown Arena: **Peggy Lee Leather** won the NWL women's championship from **Bambi** when **Ax L. Rotten** held Bambi's leg down outside the ring, enabling Leather to make the pin . . . **Al Perez** pinned **Vicious Viking** after an elbowdrop . . . **Cheetah Kid** beat **Nikita Koloff** by disqualification in a scientific match when Nikita accidentally threw Cheetah over the top rope . . . **B. Brian Blair** pinned **Disciple of Darkness Damien** when a flying knee by Damien's manager, **Ax L. Rotten,** caught Damien by mistake, enabling Brian to roll him up for the pin . . . **Paul Omdorff** pinned **Randy Rose** after a piledriver . . . NWL champion **John Rambo** beat **Ron Bass** by disqualification when Bass used his whip on Rambo . . . **Bam Bam Bigelow** beat **Cactus Jack.**
(10-21-90)

—Matt Brock

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO—Complete results of a card held at the Cow Palace: **The Great Mephisto** won an 18-man $11,000 battle royal by pinning **Haystacks Calhoun.** The complete order of elimination: 1—**Beauregarde,** 2—**Fritz Von Goering,** 3—**Reno Tufuli,** 4—**Mighty Igor,** 5—**Intern #1,** 6—**Kenji Shibuya,** 7—**Tio Taylor,** 8—**Intern #2,** 9—**Red Bastien,** 10—**Pepper Gomez,** 11—**Rocky Johnson,** 12—**Luke Graham,** 13—**Lars Anderson,** 14—**Ray Stevens,** 15—**Pat Patterson,** 16—**Paul DeMarco,** 17—Calhoun . . . **Mighty Igor** pinned **Beauregarde** following a kneedrop . . . **Intern #2** defeated **Reno Tufuli** by submission with the neck claw . . . **Red Bastien** & **Haystacks Calhoun** defeated **Fritz Von Goering** & **Kenji Shibuya** when Calhoun pinned Von Goering after a big splash . . . **Pat Patterson, Ray Stevens,** & **Rocky Johnson** battled **Lars Anderson, Paul DeMarco,** & **The Great Mephisto** in a best-of-three-falls match. Fall one: Johnson forced Graham to submit to the Boston crab; fall two: Graham pinned Johnson after an atomic drop; fall three: Patterson forced DeMarco to submit to the figure-four leglock.
(01-27-73)

—Dave Meltzer, California Wrestling Report

NEW YORK

NEW YORK—Complete results of a card held at Madison Square Garden: **Lou Thesz** defeated **Antonino Rocca** by disqualification at 20:46 . . . **Gene** & **Steve Stanlee** defeated **Rudy Key** & **Al Williams** in a best-of-three-falls match . . . **Primo Carnera** defeated **Bobby Nelson** . . . **Ripper Watson,** fighting back the effects of falling into the crowd when a ring rope snapped as he was attempting to rebound, pinned **Lenny Montana** . . . **Lu Kim** defeated **Hardy Kruskamp** . . . **Irv Halpern** pinned **"Mad Russian" Kola Kwariani** . . . **Pedro Escobar** and **Jack Steele** battled to a draw.
(01-06-53)

—New York Daily News

OREGON

PORTLAND—Complete results of a "Superstar Extravaganza" card held at the Portland Memorial Coliseum: **Tom Zenk** captured the Pacific Northwest title from **Bobby Jaggers** . . . NWA World champion **Ric Flair** defeated **Dusty Rhodes** by disqualification . . . **The Road Warriors** & **Magnum T.A.** defeated **Ivan** & **Nikita Koloff** & **Diamond Timothy Flowers** . . . **Little Mr. T** defeated **Tokyo Joe** . . . **Jerry Sampson** defeated **Chris Colt** by disqualification . . . **Steve Pardee** defeated **Rip Oliver** by disqualification . . . **Brady Boone** & **Billy Jack Haynes** defeated **Moondog Moretti** & **Karl Steiner** . . . **Billy Two Eagles** and **Gary Royal** battled to a draw . . . **Nick Kiniski** defeated **Diamond Timothy Flowers** by disqualification . . . **Ole Olson** and **Scott Doring** battled to a draw.
(01-21-86)

—Pro Wrestling Illustrated

1990 PAY-PER-VIEW EVENTS
(as of press time)

CAPITAL COMBAT

WASHINGTON, DC—Complete results of the NWA's "Capital Combat '90" card at the D.C. Armory: **The Road Warriors** & **Norman** defeated **Bam Bam Bigelow, Kevin Sullivan,** & **Cactus Jack** in 9:38 when **Hawk** pinned Sullivan . . . **Mark Callous** pinned **Johnny Ace** in 10:41 . . . **The Samoan Swat Team** defeated **Tommy Rich** & **Mike Rotundo** in 17:54 when **Samoan Savage** pinned Rich . . . **Paul Ellering** pinned **Teddy Long** in 1:57 to win their "hair vs. hair" match . . . **The Midnight Express** defeated **Brian Pillman** & **Tom Zenk** to capture the U.S. tag team title when **Bobby Eaton** pinned Zenk at the 20:20 mark . . . **Rick Morton** pinned **Michael Hayes** in 18:33 as **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** beat **The Freebirds** in a "corporal punishment" match . . . **Doom** captured thed NWA World tag team title from **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** in 19:14 when **Butch Reed** pinned Rick Steiner . . . U.S. champion **Lex Luger** defeated NWA World champion **Ric Flair** by disqualification at the 17:21 mark of a cage match.
(05-19-90)

—Pro Wrestling Illustrated Weekly

GREAT AMERICAN BASH

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND—Complete results of the NWA's Great American Bash: "New Revolution" held at the Baltimore Arena: **David Sierra** defeated **Mr. X** in 10:06 . . . **Brian Pillman** beat **Buddy Landell** with a flying bodypress in 9:29 . . . **Mike Rotundo** downed **The Iron Sheik** with a backslide in 6:46 . . . **Doug Furnas** used a belly-to-belly suplex to subdue **Dutch Mantel** in 11:18 . . . **Harley Race** defeated **Tommy Rich** with a cradle in 6:32 . . . U.S. tag team champions **The Midnight Express** defeated **The Southern Boys** in 18:14 when **Bobby Eaton** pinned **Tracey Smothers** . . . **Big Van Vader** crushed **Tom Zenk** with a big splash in 2:16 . . . **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** downed **The Freebirds** when Scott pinned **Michael Hayes** at the 13:40 mark . . . **Junkyard Dog, El Gigante,** & **Paul Orndorff** defeated **Sid Vicious, Barry Windham,** & **Arn Anderson** in 8:53 when Vicious, Windham, & Anderson were disqualified for throwing Junkyard Dog over the top rope . . . U.S. champion **Lex Luger** pinned **Mark Callous** in 12:10 following a clothesline . . . NWA World tag team champions **Doom** defeated **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** when **Butch Reed** pinned **Robert Gibson** in 15:40 following a flying shoulderblock . . . **Sting** cradled **Ric Flair** at 16:06 to capture the NWA World championship.
(07-07-90)

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HALLOWEEN HAVOC

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS—Complete results of the NWA's "Halloween Havoc '90" pay-per-view event held at the UIC Pavilion: **Tim Horner** defeated **Barry Horowitz** in 8:35 . . . **Rip Rogers** downed **Reno Riggins** in 3:57 . . . **Tommy Rich** & **Rick Morton** upset **The Midnight Express** when Rich bashed **Stan Lane** with **Jim Cornette's** tennis racket and pinned him at 20:49 . . . **Terry Taylor** pinned **Bill Irwin** in 11:47 . . . **Brad Armstrong** upset **J.W. Storm** by pinning him with an inside cradle in 5:04 . . . **The Master Blasters** defeated **The Southern Boys** when **Blade** pinned **Steve Armstrong** in 7:17 . . . **The Freebirds** defeated **The Renegade Warriors** in 17:28 when **Michael Hayes** DDT'd **Chris Youngblood,** which led to a pin by **Jim Garvin** . . . U.S. tag team champions **Rick** & **Scott Steiner** defeated **The Nasty Boys** in 15:24 . . . **Junkyard Dog** pinned **Moondog Rex** at 3:15 following a headbutt . . . NWA World tag team champions **Doom** battled **Ric Flair** and **Arn Anderson** to a double-countout in 18:20 . . . **Stan Hansen** pinned **Lex Luger** at the 9:30 mark following a lariat to win the U.S. title . . . NWA World champion **Sting** pinned **Sid Vicious** at the 12:38 mark following a "Stinger splash."
(10-27-90)

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ROYAL RUMBLE

ORLANDO, FLORIDA—Complete results of the WWF's third annual Royal Rumble, held at the Orlando Arena:

Hulk Hogan won the Royal Rumble in 58:46.

The order of entry: **Ted DiBiase, Koko B. Ware, Marty Jannetty, Jake Roberts, Randy Savage, Roddy Piper, The Warlord, Bret Hart, Bad News Brown, Dusty Rhodes, Andre the Giant, Terry Taylor, Ax, Haku, Smash, Akeem, Jimmy Snuka, Dino Bravo, Earthquake, Jim Neidhart, Ultimate Warrior, Rick Martel, Tito Santana, Honky Tonk Man, Hulk Hogan, Shawn Michaels, The Barbarian, Rick Rude, Hercules,** and **Curt Hennig.**

The order of elimination: Ware by DiBiase; Jannetty by DiBiase; Roberts by Savage; Savage by Rhodes; Warlord by Andre; Brown by Piper, followed by Brown pulling Piper from the ring from the outside; Taylor by Andre; Andre by Ax and Smash; Hart by Rhodes; Akeem by Snuka; Rhodes by Earthquake; Ax by Earthquake; Earthquake by DiBiase, Smash, Haku, Snuka, Bravo, and Neidhart; Bravo by Warrior; Smash by Haku; Neidhart by Warrior; DiBiase by Warrior; Snuka by Hogan; Haku by Hogan; Santana by Warrior; Honky Tonk

Man by Hogan; Michaels by Warrior; Martel by Warrior; Warrior by Hogan; Barbarian by Hercules; Hercules by Rude; Rude by Hennig; Hennig by Hogan.

In other matches: **The Bushwhackers—Butch Miller & Luke Williams**—defeated **Jacques & Raymond Rougeau** in 13:35 when Miller pinned Jacques . . . **Lanny Poffo** battled **Brutus Beefcake** to a double-disqualification in 11:07 . . . **Ron Garvin** defeated **Greg Valentine** in a submission match in 16:55 . . . **Hacksaw Duggan** defeated **Big Bossman** by disqualification in 10:26.
(01-21-90)

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SUMMERSLAM

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA—Complete results of the WWF's SummerSlam '90 at the Spectrum: **Hulk Hogan** defeated **Earthquake** by countout in 13:16 . . . **Kerry Von Erich** pinned **Curt Hennig** at the 5:15 mark to capture the Intercontinental title . . . **Bret Hart & Jim Neidhart** captured the WWF World tag team title from **Demolition** in a best-of-three-falls match. **Crush** pinned Hart at 6:09 in the first fall; **Smash** was disqualified at 9:56 of the second fall; Hart pinned Crush with a rollup at 14:14 of the third fall . . . WWF World champion **The Ultimate Warrior** defeated **Rick Rude** at 10:05 of a cage match . . . **Randy Savage** defeated **Dusty Rhodes** in 2:15 . . . **Hercules & Paul Roma** defeated **The Rockers** in 6:00 . . . **Sensational Sherri** defeated **Sapphire** by forfeit when Sapphire failed to show . . . **The Warlord** powerslammed **Tito Santana** in 5:28 . . . **Jake Roberts** defeated **Bad News Brown** in 4:44 when **Big Bossman** disqualified Brown for slamming Roberts with a chair . . . **Nikolai Volkoff & Hacksaw Duggan** upset **The Orient Express** in 3:22 when Duggan pinned **Pat Tanaka**.
(08-27-90)

—Pro Wrestling Illustrated Weekly

WRESTLEMANIA VI

TORONTO, ONTARIO—Complete results of the WWF's WrestleMania VI held at the SkyDome: **The Ultimate Warrior** pinned **Hulk Hogan** to capture the WWF World title in 22:51 . . . **Demolition** regained the WWF World tag team title from **Andre the Giant & Haku** when **Ax** pinned Haku at the 9:15 mark . . . **Paul Roma** pinned **Steve Lombardi** . . . **Rick Martel** downed **Koko B. Ware** by submission in 5:31 . . . **Earthquake** pinned **Hercules** in 4:52 . . . **Brutus Beefcake** pinned **Curt Hennig** in 7:48 when Hennig was knocked out after being hit by **Lanny Poffo's** clipboard; after the match, Beefcake cut Poffo's hair . . . **Roddy Piper** and **Bad News Brown** were both counted out of the ring at 6:48 . . . **The Hart Foundation** beat **The Bolsheviks** in 19 seconds when **Bret Hart** pinned **Boris Zukhov** following a clothesline . . . **The Barbarian** pinned **Tito Santana** in 4:33 . . . **Dusty Rhodes & Sapphire** defeated **Randy Savage & Sensational Sherri** when Sapphire pinned Sherri at 7:52 . . . **The Orient Express** defeated **The Rockers** by countout in 7:38 when **Marty Jannetty** was unable to return to the ring because he was blinded by the salt **Akio Sato** had thrown in his eyes . . . **Hacksaw Duggan** pinned **Dino Bravo** in 4:15 . . . **Ted DiBiase** regained his "million-dollar belt" when **Jake Roberts** was counted out of the ring at 11:56 . . . **Big Bossman** pinned **Akeem** in 1:49, despite being attacked by **Ted DiBiase** at the outset of the match . . . **Rick Rude** pinned **Jimmy Snuka** in 3:51.
(04-01-90)

—Pro Wrestling Illustrated Weekly

WRESTLE WAR

GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA—Complete results of the NWA's Wrestle War at the Greensboro Coliseum: NWA World champion **Ric Flair** defeated U.S. champion **Lex Luger** by countout in 38:08 . . . **Kevin Sullivan & Buzz Sawyer** defeated **The Dynamic Dudes** when Sawyer pinned **Johnny Ace** at the 10:15 mark . . . **Norman** pinned **Cactus Jack** at 9:33 . . . **The Rock 'n' Roll Express** defeated **The Midnight Express** when **Robert Gibson** pinned **Stan Lane** at the 19:31 mark . . . **The Road Warriors** defeated **The Skyscrapers** in 4:58 of a Chicago street fight when **Hawk** pinned a mysterious masked Skyscraper who was substituting for **Dan Spivey** . . . U.S. tag team champions **Tom Zenk & Brian Pillman** defeated **MichaelHayes & Jim Garvin** when Pillman pinned Garvin at the 24:32 mark . . . NWA World tag team champions **Rick & Scott Steiner** defeated **Ole & Arn Anderson** when Rick pinned Ole at 16:05.
(02-25-90)

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RODDY PIPER SEEKS WWF TITLE SHOTS

"Rowdy Scot" Eyes World, I-C Belts

By BILL APTER

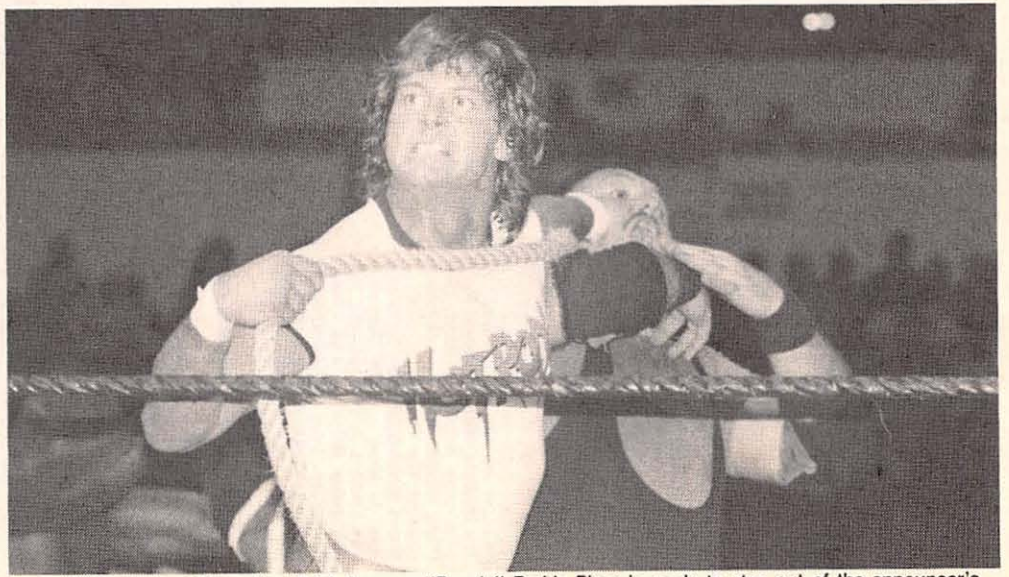
UNIONDALE, NY—Following several months of functioning as a WWF broadcaster, Roddy Piper has decided to return to the ring full-time. After winning a 19-man bunkhouse battle royal on November 9 here, the 17-year veteran told confidants his next goal is to obtain title matches.

Piper took over as color commentator on *WWF Superstars of Wrestling* in late-August after Jesse Ventura left the broadcast team following a dispute over merchandising his name. Announcing duties whetted Piper's competitive appetite, and he returned to the ring for wrestling and refereeing assignments in November.

Those close to Piper claim that he recently petitioned WWF President Jack Tunney for championship matches against either World champion The Ultimate Warrior or Intercontinental champion Kerry Von Erich. Piper's quickness to make a title claim has angered other contenders.

"A lot of wrestlers can't believe that Piper put in a bid for title bouts after only a few appearances, but that's Roddy," said a WWF wrestler who is close to Piper. "His ego is still as big as ever. He still believes he's the toughest man in the WWF, and he's ready to prove it by becoming a champion. But with fan favorites holding both singles title, he may have to return to rulebreaking to do it."

Many WWF fans are fearing just that. Piper was the most hated man in the federation in the mid-'80s, engaging in violent feuds against Jimmy Snuka, Paul Orndorff, and former WWF World champion Hulk Hogan.



Ultimate Warrior and Kerry Von Erich beware: "Rowdy" Roddy Piper is ready to step out of the announcer's booth and into the championship spotlight.

Williams Blindsides Orndorff

By BOB SMITH

RESEDA, CA—Tired of hearing Paul Orndorff claim he's the strongest man in the UWF, Steve Williams shocked fans here by savagely attacking "Mr. Wonderful" during a November 8 card at the Reseda Country Club.

Williams: Feuding with Orndorff

Orndorff had just defeated preliminary wrestler Tim Patterson when Williams ran out from the dressing room, grabbed a chair, and slammed it hard across Orndorff's head. "Mr. Wonderful" suffered several deep lacerations, and was knocked out for more than six minutes.

"I've had it with this bozo trying to steal my thunder," said Williams, who wrestled Orndorff to a double-count-out in September. "I'm the strongest man in this sport, and Orndorff should keep his big mouth shut."

Orndorff was surprised that Williams decided to go to such lengths to get his point across.

"Sure we had a rivalry, but it was in the spirit of healthy competition," said Orndorff. "Steve's changed the rules, but he's proven nothing. That big ape forgets what a mean son of a gun *I* can be, too. He's won the first battle, but I'm going to win the war."

Midnight Express Splits Up

The Midnight Express has split up! Only Bobby Eaton will remain in the NWA.

By ANDY RODRIGUEZ

LOUISVILLE, KY—After three years together, The Midnight Express—Stan Lane and Bobby Eaton—are no longer a team. Manager Jim Cornette and Lane have left the NWA because of what Cornette feels is unfair treatment by NWA officials regarding their position in the federation.

"The Express is the greatest team in history," said Cornette, who led Lane and Eaton to three U.S. tag team title reigns and an NWA World tag team title. "Our record should speak for itself, but lately we've been stuck in prelim matches. The Express should've been challenging Doom for the World tag team title, but my requests for title shots were ignored. Instead of letting our good name get tarnished, I've decided to lay back and ponder our next move.'

Eaton, who gained several World title matches against Sting, decided to remain in the NWA. The high-flying rulebreaker admitted, however, that the split with his manager and partner was likely to be only temporary.

"Jim, Stan, and myself will always be a team," said Eaton. "We're apart now, but I know we'll be together again someday."

Luger Makes Acting Debut

By LIZ HUNTER

HOLLYWOOD, CA—Popular Lex Luger is becoming a star in more than just the wrestling world. The three-time former U.S. champion made his acting debut on a December episode of *Superboy*, the nationally syndicated adventure series.

Luger portrayed a character named Mark II, a villain who tries to destroy Superboy by taking over his dreams. The "Total Package" took part in several dramatic scenes, and was the focal point of a fight scene with Gerrard Christopher, who portrays Superboy.

Luger enjoyed his first stint as an actor, but admitted that he felt a bit strange away from the ring.

"This is a whole new world for me," admitted Luger, "but it really was a lot of fun. I'm anxious to see how the fans react to my performance."

AROUND THE GLOBE

OSAKA, JAPAN

Promoters from the NWA and New Japan were close to signing an agreement to hold a joint card, tentatively scheduled for February in Tokyo. The card would feature stars of New Japan taking on competitors such as NWA World champion Sting, Ric Flair, and TV titlist Arn Anderson. "We will be honored to have these great U.S. stars in our country," said Antonio Inoki. "It will be interesting to see which style emerges as dominant on such a night."

EL TOREO, MEXICO

The Blue Blazer has invaded Mexico, and his high-flying scientific style has fit in perfectly here. Blazer has been teaming with Dos Caras, but his real success has come as a singles competitor. He remains undefeated. Blazer continues to guard his identity zealously. "Everywhere I go, I hear people guessing who I am," said the masked fan favorite. "I say let 'em guess. As far as I'm concerned, it's to my advantage to keep everyone off-guard."

TOKYO, JAPAN

A major upset was scored here on November 2 as Kensuki Sasaki and Hiroshi Hase defeated The Great Muta and Masa Chono to win the IWGP tag team title. For Muta, who was scheduled to appear in the Starrcade '90 tag team tournament with Mr. Saito, the loss fueled rumors that he was about to return to the United States to compete on a full-time basis. "I am undecided as to what my next move will be," said Muta. "My goal now, however, is to regain those belts."

MEMORIES OF 1990

The Editors' Picks

Finally, we close out this year-end edition of ***Pro Wrestling Illustrated*** *by asking each editor to pick the most memorable and enduring moment of the past year. In doing so, we close the book on 1990 and look ahead to the next 12 months, for which we wish you and yours another year filled with health, happiness, and the best that professional wrestling has to offer.*

Stu Saks (Editor-in-Chief): Class. It's a word seldom applicable to athletes in any sport. Love him or hate him, Hulk Hogan proved on the afternoon of April 1 that he has class. It's hard to judge somebody's character when he is on top of the world, and that's where Hogan was for more than six years. Only in defeat is a man's soul revealed. The sight of Hogan saluting his conqueror, The Ultimate Warrior, as he was carted away from the SkyDome ring at WrestleMania VI will forever be etched on my mind. Hogan was understandably stunned immediately after losing. But as soon as he was able to think, he congratulated the new champ and left him alone to bask in the glory of his accomplishment. I became a Hulk Hogan fan on April 1.

Bill Apter (Senior Editor): Kerry Von Erich's quick victory over Intercontinental champion Curt Hennig was most memorable to me. As a close follower of the Von Erich dynasty, I was dismayed to see Kerry's career seemingly going nowhere. He was in an endless feud against Jerry Lawler for the USWA title and seemed like he was about to give it all up because he couldn't take the belt. Then he moved to the WWF and, in his first attempt at the I-C championship, shined and took the honors. It was reminiscent of his victory over Ric Flair for the NWA World title: There was a glow in his eyes because a Von Erich was a major champion once again. I got chills as he paraded around the ring with the belt.

Craig Peters (Managing Editor): Most memorable and enduring moment? Sting and Ultimate Warrior's victories come close, but deep-down I suppose I knew that Ric Flair and Hulk Hogan were ripe for the picking. No, I'll remember the Steiners-Nasty Boys match at Halloween Havoc. Consider how the Steiners manhandled Jerry Sags in the first three minutes alone: Scott reversed Sags' superplex and belly-to-belly suplexed him off the second rope; Scott double-underhook power-bombed him; and, while Scott held him near the corner, Rick bulldogged him *from the top rope*! This match proved to me—with the impact that the aforementioned title changes lacked—that the Steiners are by far the best team in the world, and that either Scott or Rick is capable of becoming NWA World champion virtually at will. Trust me, these guys *will* rule the '90s.

Andy Rodriguez (Associate Editor): To many, July 7 was the beginning of the Sting era in the NWA. To me, it marked the end of the Ric Flair era. For six World title reigns spanning nearly a decade, Flair strutted the sport's stage like no other before him. He was a cheater to be sure, hiding behind the Horsemen all too often, but he wrestled some of the greatest matches this sport has ever seen. When he lost the title to Sting, I was as excited as everyone else when the fireworks popped and the new champion was awarded the belt. But it seemed odd and a bit sad that Flair was no longer the king. Yes, he may win the belt back, but somehow it won't be the same. Never again will the infamous Flair boast of, "Now we're going to school!" carry the force it once did. School is out.

Bob Smith (Associate Editor): I hate to bring a downer to these proceedings, but the horrific sight of Eddie Gilbert intentionally running down Jerry Lawler with a car will always remain with me. The September 1 incident was the best example that we are allowing rulebreakers to get away with far too much. When Lawler stormed to that parking lot to stop a Gilbert attack on matchmaker Eddie Marlin, he probably expected to get into a skirmish, but I'm sure he never dreamed that Gilbert would attempt to mow him down at top speed! There have been many men that I have reviled over the years, including The Sheik, Abdullah the Butcher, and Fred Blassie. But in 1990, something remarkable happened: Eddie Gilbert became a bigger monster than those savages ever *dreamed* of being.

Eddie Ellner (Associate Editor): Stan Hansen's defeat of Lex Luger for the U.S. title—not because I'm a Hansen fan, although I won't say the occasion didn't provide enormous satisfaction. The victory underlined how individual skill and determination can overcome near-impossible odds. The NWA didn't want Hansen to stick around. They wanted him to pass through on his way back to Japan and fill some seats for a few weeks. When he decided to hang his hat for a while, they tried to suspend him. They put him with their biggest star, and he makes chopped liver out of him. Now he holds their second most prestigous title with an eye on the big prize and, like psoriasis, he may never go away. Ha! □

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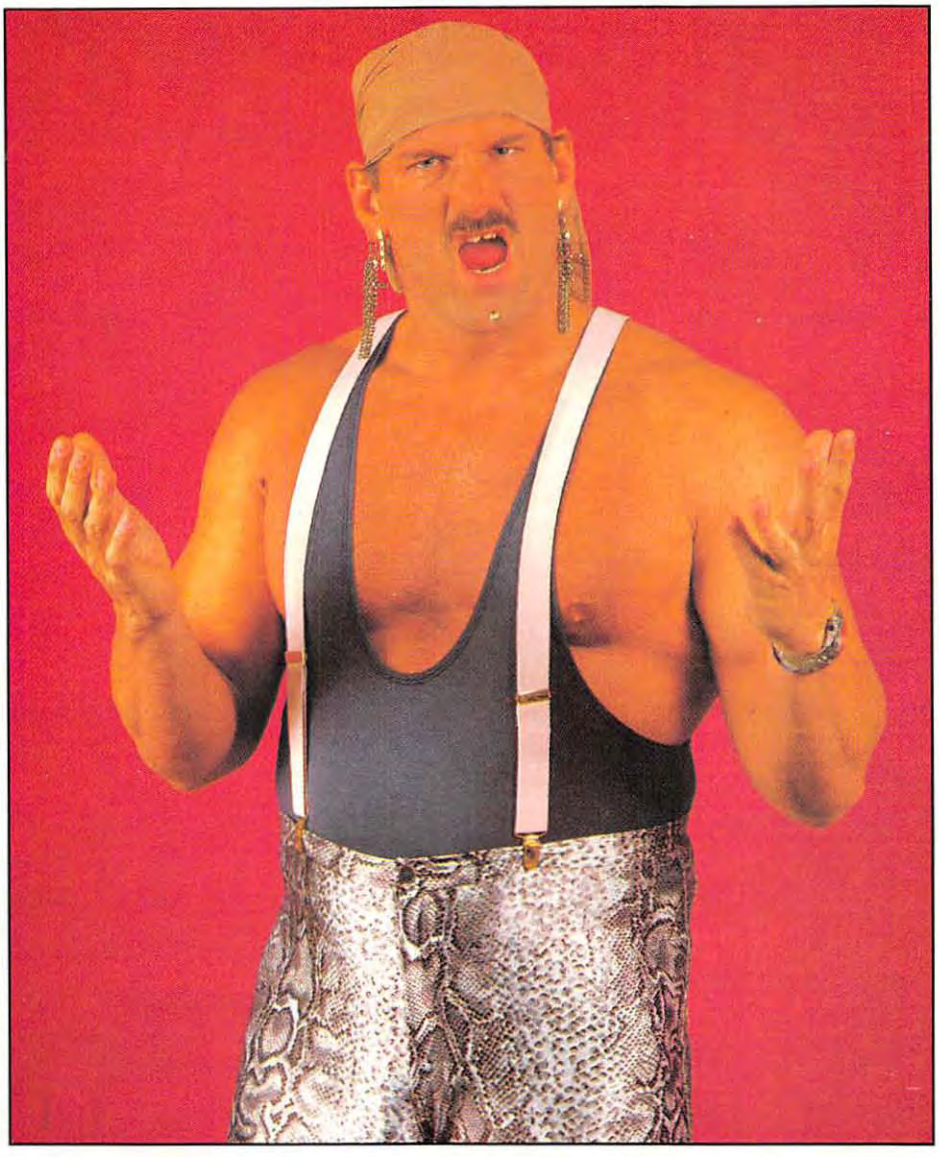

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